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PREMIER REPLIES TO CRITICISM ON DEFENCE OF CRETE: EX-WAR MINISTER CHARGES GOVERNMENT WITH INEFFECTIVE PREPARATION

"THE DEFEAT IN CRETE IS BITTER—THERE IS ONLY ONE ANSWER TO DEFEAT AND THAT IS VICTORY."

With these words the Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, concluded a statement on the situation in the Middle East during a debate in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Churchill was replying to criticisms of Britain's policy of defence in Crete.

THE BATTLE OF CRETE, HE SAID, COULD ONLY BE VIEWED AS ONE PART OF THE BATTLE OF THE MIDDLE EAST AND IT WAS TOO LOPSIDED AND MISLEADING TO SELECT ONE FRONT IN EXAMINING THE BATTLE. ALL THIS TIME THE BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC HAD BEEN GOING ON AND IT SHOULD BE REMEMBERED, TOO, THAT EVERYTHING SENT TO THE MIDDLE EAST WAS OUT OF ACTION FOR THE BEST PART OF THREE MONTHS, HAVING TO GO ROUND THE CAPE.

AEROPLANES MUST BE RECOGNISED AS INTEGRAL PART OF THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING ARE POINTS FROM THE DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

"It is plain that the campaign in and around Crete has shown that aircraft, more than any other weapon, must be recognised as an integral part of the Army and Navy. The Fleet Air Arm completely justified itself. Why not have something analogous for the Army?"—MR. L. HORE-BELISHA (National Liberal).

"The over-riding difficulty does not arise from mistakes, but is due to the fact that General Wavell has to conduct a number of campaigns simultaneously. In each he is out-numbered and out-manned. General Wavell is deserving of congratulations on practically concluding three campaigns in East Africa."—MR. B. B. LEES-SMITH (Labour).

"What is being done to develop the enormous resources in Africa?"—EARL WINTERTON (Conservative).

"Too much depends on the Prime Minister. War strategy should be in the hands of a directorate."—MR. A. BEVERLEY BAXTER (Conservative).

SPEED IS OF GREATEST IMPORTANCE IN SYRIA

"Speed is of the greatest importance in our entry into Syria," said MAJOR ALLEN MURRAY when he broadcast from London last night. "So far we have only had sporadic resistance here and there but we have reason to believe our forces are well equipped and that they will be in possession of key points before many days are passed."

"The situation in Syria appears to be a German backing out much as they did in Iraq. This may be a trick to counter our declaration that it was to drive the Germans out of Syria that we entered the country."

"The appearance of Germans in Syria may be a red herring to draw our forces out of Egypt but we may be sure that General Wavell would not have diverted his troops from Egypt unless he was sure of being able to withstand an attack there."

Maj. Murray said that the British forces now had plenty of equipment and South African troops were helping in the defence of Egypt.

Today's News Summary

THERE WAS A DEBATE in the House of Commons yesterday on Crete. The speakers included Mr. H. B. Lees-Smith, Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha (former Minister for War), Sir Percy Harris, Earl Winterton, and Mr. A. Beverley Baxter who advocated a directorate of Empire men to advise on strategy. The Prime Minister replied to the criticisms and said that the defeat at Crete was bitter. But there was only one answer to defeat—victory.

THE PENETRATION OF ALLIED forces into Syria is proceeding satisfactorily, according to latest reports. Mr. Churchill in the House of Commons yesterday, said that he was not yet in a position to make a statement on the situation in Syria but the British and Free French forces were advancing towards Beirut and Damascus.

THE RECALL OF THE ENTIRE Japanese trade delegation at Batavia is imminent following a conference between Mr. Matsuoka and high officials in Tokyo yesterday. The N.E.L. reply to the Japanese proposals is considered to be unsatisfactory.

INTENSE ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE was encountered by British bombers when they made widespread attacks on enemy shipping off the coasts of Norway, Holland and Belgium.

THE SINKING OF THE AMERICAN ship Robin Moor by a German submarine is likely to have worldwide repercussion.

"We have run very great risks and faced very serious maulings to maintain the war in the Mediterranean," said the Premier. "Since the Battle of Britain was won by our aircraft last autumn we have been sending aircraft to the Middle East by every route and every method, but it has always been much easier for the Germans to move from one side of Europe to the other and back again from the east to the west."

Mr. Churchill said it would have been a great mistake to make a large number of airfields in Crete unless they could find sufficient anti-aircraft guns and aircraft to defend them, otherwise this would have greatly facilitated parasite landings.

As it was the enemy had to make a major effort but of course there were a great many islands from which the Germans could make their attack. To defend



everywhere would have meant being strong nowhere.

Every single A.A. gun that the British forces had was in action at some necessary point.

"I can give the House an assurance," continued Mr. Churchill, "that we have done, are doing and will do all we can to build up the largest possible air force in the Middle East and that our difficulty has not been the lack of aircraft but solely one of transportation."

The decision to defend Crete was taken with the full knowledge that air support there would be at a minimum. The chiefs of Staff were of the opinion that there was a good chance of winning the battle.

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U.S. Show Of Force Is Welcomed

NEW YORK, June 10 (Reuter)—The President's decision to order

the army to take over the strike-bound North American Aviation plant is headlined in the Press and given the leading place in radio comments.

The administration's show of force is welcomed and it has released some of the pent-up editorial resentment against the strike situation generally.

The opportunity has been seized to denounce Communist activity which is generally held responsible for the strike.

ANOTHER THREATENED

SAN DIEGO, California, June 10 (Reuter)—Yet another strike is threatened in an important war material factory.

The plant involved is the Consolidated Aircraft Corporation here.

The vote to strike will, however, not mean an immediate walk-out and federal officials hope to settle the matter without strike.

The Corporation has \$700,000,000 defence orders, mainly bombers for Britain and the United States.

M.P. KILLED

DUDLEY, June 10 (Reuter)—Mr. Jack Barnato Joel, Conservative member of Parliament for Dudley, is reported missing and presumed killed.

He was in the Naval Volunteer Reserve.

He is the youngest son of the late Mr. S. B. Joel, famous South African mining magnate and turf notability.

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RECALL OF ENTIRE JAPANESE TRADE DELEGATION IN BATAVIA IMMINENT AFTER CONFERENCE

An emergency meeting of his principal officers was called by Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, in Tokyo yesterday.

FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE, THE RECALL OF THE ENTIRE JAPANESE TRADE DELEGATION IN BATAVIA IS IMMINENT.

"Very unsatisfactory" was the description given by the Japanese spokesman at a Press conference to the Netherlands East Indies reply to the Japanese proposals submitted at the Batavia conference, says Reuter.

The spokesman added that he could not go beyond saying that the reply was under very careful consideration.

He refused to divulge the contents of the Dutch reply which is believed to be the Netherlands' last word.

It is stated by the Domel News Agency that if Japan accepts the Netherlands' counter-proposals, the parley will be continued, but the Japanese Government has not decided its attitude.

The KOKUMIN SHIMBUN, declared editorially that a breakdown of the Batavia negotiations seemed inevitable.

This is the first V.C. to be awarded to an Indian in the present war.

Following the capture of Metema, Second-Lieut. Bhagat was in command of a section of a field company of sappers and gunners and for a period of four days and over a distance of 50 miles he defended his post by clearing of 15 minefields.

Realising the importance of the work, and that speed was essential, this officer worked from dawn to dusk each day. On one occasion he continued under heavy enemy fire.

His coolness, persistence and gallantry during the 96 hours were of the highest order.

ITALY IS NO MORE THAN APPENDAGE OF NAZIS

"Italy is now no more than an appendage of Germany in her plan for world domination," commented MAJOR ALLEN MURRAY when he broadcast from London last night.

"Signor Mussolini is supposed to be making a speech today (Tuesday) and he may refer to events of the past year. He will be wise not to do so," added Maj. Murray.

"The past year has been one of shame and degradation for Italy. She has lost 200,000 of her army; her Fleet has suffered serious mutilation at our hands and is now little more than a joke; and her Air Force has been shot to pieces not only over Libya but also over Britain when she dared to join the Luftwaffe."

Major Murray declared that the whole of Italy's East African Empire had collapsed and that the remnants of her Army were continuing to surrender in thousands weekly.

"Italy's record from the day that she declared war has been one of treacherous stabs in the back," continued the speaker. "The little Greek Army not only drove them out of Greece but chased them half way across Albania and only the arrival of the Germans stopped the rot. And yet Mussolini had the audacity to congratulate his Army on their success against the Greeks."

"Italy is now nothing more than another German-occupied country and what makes it worse for the Italians is that the Nazis have the utmost contempt for everything Italian. Italy was our closest friend and former ally. Now by declaring war on that friend she has lost her empire and is nothing more than an appendage of Germany in her plan for world domination."

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QUO TAI-CHI

SINGAPORE, June 10 (Reuter)—

Dr. Quo Tai-chi, the new Chinese Foreign Minister, arrived this afternoon by Clipper from Manila.

He is staying for a few days after which he will leave for Chungking.

Cardinal Gerlier, Archbishop of Lyons, confirmed in an interview he gave, before leaving for Madrid, that he has been entrusted with a message from Marshal Petain to General Franco.

I had two long interviews with

Marshal Petain and Admiral Darlan," he said. "Naturally I cannot discuss the message. All I can say is that M. Petain, Ambassador to Madrid, has officially informed the Spanish Government of my visit."

The Cardinal added that the purpose of his visit was to dedicate a rebuilt French church in Madrid which was destroyed in the civil war, and would deliver the message to General Franco after the Corpus Christi celebrations on June 12.

Sinking Of Robin Moor Likely To Have Worldwide Repercussion

LONDON, June 10 (Reuter)—The terrible sufferings of 11 of the crew of the UNITED STATES steamer ROBIN MOOR, who were adrift in an open boat for 19 days across 1,000 miles of the Atlantic, can only be imagined from the scant details of bearings now confirmed by the United States Ambassador to Brazil.

An even worst part of this story is that three other lifeboats, known to have 27 of the crew and eight passengers including three women and a child aboard, have not yet been found.

The Robin Moor is believed to have been sunk by a German submarine and should this also be true, it is likely to have worldwide repercussion.

RADIO MESSAGE

The news of the torpedoing originated in a radio message by

the Brazilian steamer Osorio and then relayed by steamship flags and again relayed by the steamer Deer Lodge.

This reported that the Osorio found a lifeboat with survivors clinging to it.

It is understood that the Robin Moor was owned by the Seas Shipping Company, Inc., New York.

The Robin Moor was carrying a general cargo of motorcars, steel and other materials but no war munitions.

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ROTARY CLUB ADDRESS: H.K. ROTARIANS TAKEN ON MOTOR-TRIP THROUGH THE BALKANS BY B. E. SUGARS

AN INTERESTING ADDRESS ON HIS EXPERIENCES IN A MOTOR-TRIP THROUGH THE BALKANS IN 1938 was given yesterday to Hongkong Rotarians by Mr. B. E. Sugars, who made the interesting observation that the most pro-British country he and his wife visited during the tour seemed to him to be Turkey.

The trip, Mr. Sugars said, occupied 2½ months and was most carefully planned even to detail, being preceded with a six-weeks' study of maps and town plans and available literature on the countries and peoples they were going to visit.

Roads ranged from fairly good to indifferent to very poor and at one stage they managed to cover but 50 miles in 8 hours. There were 24 punctures and tire bursts encountered in a trip of 8,700 miles, and the ironmongery collected in this manner formed an interesting souvenir. Mr. Sugars was able to show Hongkong Rotarians.

He and his wife never missed an opportunity to meet and eat with the people of the different countries and districts they visited and kept away from tourist hotels, the speaker said. Thus, "they were able to see the Yugoslavia of pre-Varssai maps."

It seemed as though the old countries that were formerly on the map were still alive, for the costumes and habits of the people showed where old Serbia, Bosnia, Montenegro, Croatia, Dalmatia, Austria-Hungary, Herzegovina, Slovenia and Turkey had been.

HAPPIEST COUNTRY

Albania seemed to him the happiest and most contented country in the world, the speaker continued, and the amazing generosity of the people was at times quite embarrassing. This seemed all the stranger for the fact that everyone seemed so near the poverty line. Yet, every man seemed to accept the tourist as his personal guest.

VAGABOND ROTARIANS

Rotarian Dr. Arthur W. Woo presided and welcomed to the meeting a number of the Vagabond Rotarians, also extending to them a standing invitation to attend the weekly tiffin meetings of the Hongkong Rotary Club.

Rotarian Y. T. Tsang, Hon. Secretary of the Vagabond Rotarians, extended an invitation to members of the Rotary Club to attend the tiffin meetings of the Vagabond Rotarians, held on the first and third Thursday of every month at the "Cafe de Chine," where Hongkong Rotarians would have an opportunity to try good Szechuan food.

Vagabond Rotarians present were Rotarians "Gin" Lee and "Yank" Ouyang (Hangchow), T. T. Poon, Dr. T. C. Lau, Edward Shim, P. L. Fung and Y. T. Tsang (Canter) and Y. Y. Wang (Amoy). A visiting Rotarian attending was Rotarian Alfred S. Lee (Shanghai). Guests present were Messrs. Leigh Garner, Kwan Yim-hin and H. A. Keller.

H.K.S.R.A. To Celebrate Centenary

The Hongkong-Singapore Royal Artillery is to celebrate its Centenary some time in October.

The corps originated in Hongkong in 1841, being then styled the "China Lascars." In 1881, a second company was raised, and ten years later the name was changed to "Hongkong Asiatic Artillery."

In 1898 the corps became the Hongkong and Singapore Battalion Royal Garrison Artillery, with four companies in Hongkong and two in Singapore.

The present title, Hongkong-Singapore Royal Artillery, was authorised in 1934, the corps being recruited from Sikhs, Punjabis, Muslims and Jats.

The corps is commanded by British Officers of the Royal Artillery assisted by Indian officers holding the King's Commission.

TEA RECEPTION FOR LI SHIH-TSENG

The Hongkong Alumni Association of the National Peking University alumni in Hongkong will give a tea reception at Cafe Windsor at 4 p.m. today in honour of Mr. Li Shih-tseng, member of the Kuomintang Central Supervisory Committee who returned here last Friday from a visit to Europe.

Mr. Li, who was formerly a professor of the University, will speak on his impressions of his

SPORTS & GENERAL

Lawn Bowls Open Pairs Results

On the mainland, of the nine Lawn Bowls Open Pairs matches scheduled for yesterday, only three were played.

AT RECREO

F. Nolan and B. Jillott lost to A. W. Smith and E. Curtis by 18 shots to 19; W. McNeil and P. A. Peckham beat R. Leigh and R. S. Meadow by 28 shots to 20.

AT KOWLOON F.C.

V. N. Atienza and V. Chittenden lost to A. J. L. Eastman and W. Simpson by 16 shots to 20; H. Drew and V. C. Dixon v. T. A. Mardar and A. E. P. Guest (postponed).

AT KOWLOON DOCKS

H. White and A. J. Hall v. C. M. Silva and F. X. Soares, and J. Noronha and C. G. Silva v. E. Scard and J. E. Henson (postponed).

AT KOWLOON C.C.

R. T. Broadbridge and N. A. E. Mackay v. A. Stevens and J. A. R. Selby (postponed).

AT KOWLOON B.G.C.

E. F. Thompson and E. V. Sealre v. H. F. Shields and C. Hatt and E. A. Altkin and J. G. Meyer v. E. Levett and H. Spong (postponed).

AT CRAIGENGOWER C.C.

At Craigengower C.C.—C. W. Lam and N. P. Karanja beat W. K. Way and E. Zimmern by 25 to 21 shots.

At H.K. Football Club—N. J. Bebbington and J. F. McGowan beat M. I. Razack and A. J. Coelho by 22 to 20 shots.

At Civil Service C.C.—G. Willerton and G. Davies beat K. W. Forster and A. G. Grattan by 35 to 10 shots.

The matches between H. Nish and G. Sewell and E. G. Post and W. J. Cameron, and T. R. Hunter and L. Jack and J. W. Harrop and S. H. Marvin were not played.

Rinks For Week-End

The following are some Club selections for this week's Lawn Bowls League programme:

FIRST DIVISION

RECREO "A"—J. Luz, C. E. Marques, J. F. V. Ribeiro, C. G. Silva (skip); L. F. Xavier, H. A. Alves, J. E. Noronha, F. X. Silva (skip); F. X. Soares, C. Roza Pereira, F. V. V. Ribeiro, R. F. Luz (skip).

RECREO "B"—D. C. Alves, C. H. Basto, C. M. da Silva, J. J. Basto (skip); F. A. Machado, J. C. Ferreira, E. Souza, L. J. Silva (skip); C. F. Vas, A. M. Xavier, A. M. Rodrigues, A. P. Gutierrez (skip).

SECOND DIVISION

RECREO:—A. J. Osmund, E. L. Barros, A. V. Barros, O. P. Remedios (skip); L. A. Rozario, F. J. A. Marques, C. A. Lopes, J. R. Soares (skip); A. P. Pereira, F. A. Xavier, J. A. Remedios, C. C. Pereira (skip).

THIRD DIVISION

RECREO:—E. Cunha, F. X. Monteiro, M. F. Pinna, P. A. Yvanovich (skip); P. Sequeira, H. M. Xavier, A. F. Noronha, M. A. Carvalho (skip); G. A. Pinna, E. A. R. Alves, M. Mendonça, M. Alarcon (skip).

H.K.E.R.C.:—W. E. Macfarlane, R. P. Gregory, A. G. Gardner, J. de Rome (skip); A. P. Tarbuck, C. E. Gahagan, A. F. Paul, J. K. Sloan (skip); R. A. Owens, E. L. Groome, J. F. Barron, R. C. Butler (skip).

FLOODLIGHT BOWLS

The following have been selected to represent the H.K.E.R.C. in a floodlight bowls match on June 12 at 8 p.m. against the Society of Yorkshiresmen. The game will be played at Ming Yuen.

J. R. Way, W. E. Baker, W. Stoker, J. K. Sloan (skip); R. A. Owens, E. L. Groome, C. E. Gahagan, R. C. Butler (skip); W. E. Macfarlane, R. P. Gregory, A. G. Gardner, J. de Rome (skip).

WATER-POLO RESULTS

Royal Corps of Signals continued in winning vein when they trounced Royal Scots "B" to the tune of eight goals yesterday in a European Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo tournament match played at the Army Pool.

Dignan, at forward for the winners, was a constant source of worry to the Scots' defence and Hunt, at centre-half for Signals, proved a tower of strength to the opposing forwards.

European Y.M.C.A. beat Small Units yesterday by two goals to nil at the latter's pool in the same tournament. Goal scorers were Goldman and Maynard.

The match between Middlesex "B" and 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. was postponed.

Middlesex "A" scored an easy victory over Navy "C" by five clear goals in a tournament match played yesterday at the Army Pool.

SPORTING FIXTURES TODAY

MEETING.—Council of the Hongkong Football Association, at the Association's Office, 6:30 p.m.

TENNIS.—Third Division: C.R.C. (2) v. C.D.R., K.C.C. v. A.T.C., S.C.A.A. v. C.C.C., K.I.T.C. v. C.R.C. (1), I.R.C. v. H.K.U.T.C.

TOMORROW

TENNIS.—Fourth Division: S.C. A.A. v. A.T.C., E.C. v. P.O.R.C. (2) (1), C.C.C. v. C.B.A., P.O.R.C. (2) v. I.R.C., C.R.C. v. K.I.T.C.

WATER-POLO.—Royal Corps of Signals v. 8th Bty. R.A. (Navy pool), 6:15 p.m.; Royal Navy "C" v. Combined Small Units (Navy pool), 5:30 p.m.; Royal Scots "B" v. 8th Coastal Regt. R.A. (Army pool), 7 p.m.; Royal Scots "A" v. 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. (Army pool), 7:30 p.m.; 965th Bty. R.A. v. European Y.M.C.A. (Y.M.C.A. pool), 7 p.m.; Middlesex "A" v. Royal Navy "B" (Y.M.C.A. pool), 7:30 p.m.

POINTS FOR C.R.C.

At Causeway Chinese Recreation Club beat Civil Service C.C. by seven sets to two.

Pang Ol-lam and Iu Tak-lum (C.R.C.) beat I. Agafuroff and J. Bendall 6:3; beat B. Agafuroff and W. Skinner 6:1; beat M. Yatskin and T. Wardle 6:2.

D. C. Luk and C. L. Luk (C.R.C.) beat Agafuroff and Bendall 6:4; beat Agafuroff and Skinner 6:4; beat Yatskin and Wardle 6:1.

S. W. Liang and W. C. Choy (C.R.C.) lost to Agafuroff and Bendall 4:6; lost to Agafuroff and Skinner 3:6; beat Yatskin and Wardle 6:0.

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LEAGUE TENNIS RESULTS

Splendid Win For
Kowloon Tong

Playing at Sookunpo yesterday in the Second Division of the Tennis League, Kowloon Tong Garden City Association gained a meritorious win over the Army Tennis Club by eight sets to one, the latter managing to halve two sets.

Capt. R. E. Guest and Lieut. J. C. L. Pearce (Army) lost to F. H. Kwok and T. E. Ling 3:6; lost to H. T. Bee and Dr. P. P. Khoo 6:6; lost to E. Lee and C. C. Ma 3:6.

Capt. Head and Capt. F. J. A. Skipwith (Army) lost to Kwok and Ling 3:6; drew with Bee and Khoo 6:6; lost to Lee and Ma 3:6.

S. Sgt. J. Emberson and Sgt. J. Webb (Army) lost to Kwok and Ling 3:6; drew with Bee and Khoo 6:6; lost to Lee and Ma 3:6.

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Help Is Truly Deserved, Says George Fitch

"There is no place in the world where help is more needed, where our money will bring greater returns, where help is more truly deserved and appreciated than in China." These words came from MR. GEORGE A. FITCH, veteran "Y" worker who is now connected with the National Committee of the Young Men's Christian Associations of China Emergency Service to Soldiers.

Mr. Fitch, whose Samaritan refugee relief work in the erstwhile capital during and following the infamous Japanese sack of Nanjing won international fame, made this statement in an appeal in connexion with the United China Relief, Inc., campaign for U.S. \$5,000,000 for relief work in China.

The appeal made by Mr. Fitch who was last year decorated by the Ministry of Communications for special meritorious services, reads as follows:

"War is largely economic. For nearly four years China's resources have been drained and vast areas destroyed by relentless, utterly ruthless invaders. The misery and suffering of millions of her people is beyond words to describe.

"Yet China still fights on—still fights for the cause of democracy. The bright side of what would otherwise be a hopeless picture is the indomitable spirit of the people, also the fact that help is coming from her sister democracies. And that help is multiplied manifold when it reaches China through the relatively greater purchasing power of the American dollar.

"We like those who are helping themselves; we like to see good returns on our investments. There is no place in the world where help is more needed, where our money will bring greater returns, where help is more truly deserved and appreciated than China. With America's help China's war for democracy can be won." (Central News).

New Secretary For Tennis League

Mr. L. F. de Souza has been appointed Hon. League Tennis Secretary vice Mr. L. R. Ildefonso, who has been transferred to Manila. Mr. Souza's address is: c/o Hongkong Football Association, Bank of Canton Building, Tel. 30751.

CHESS RESULT

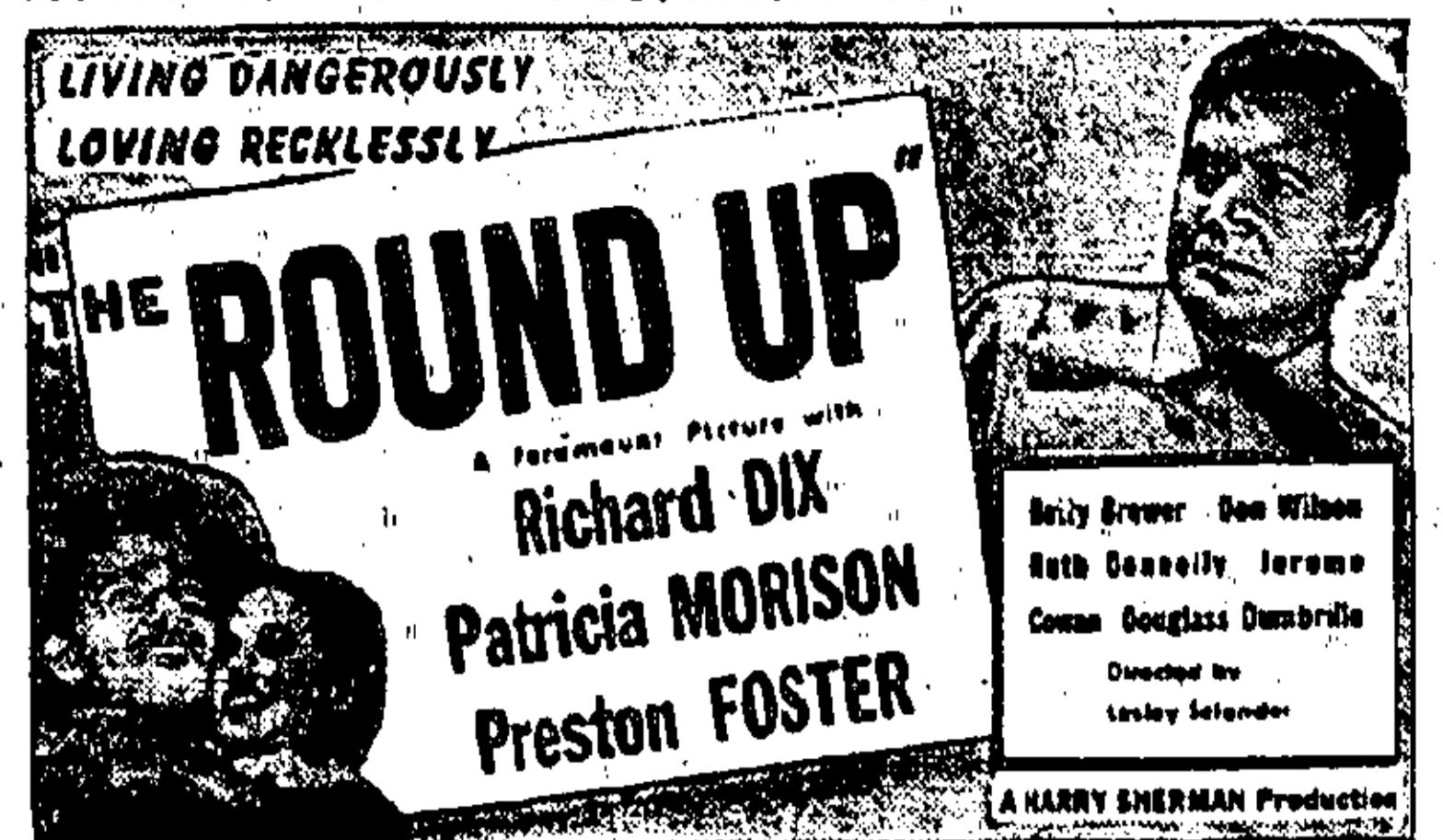
In the Colony Junior Chess Championship yesterday, To Yu-lau beat A. Morton.



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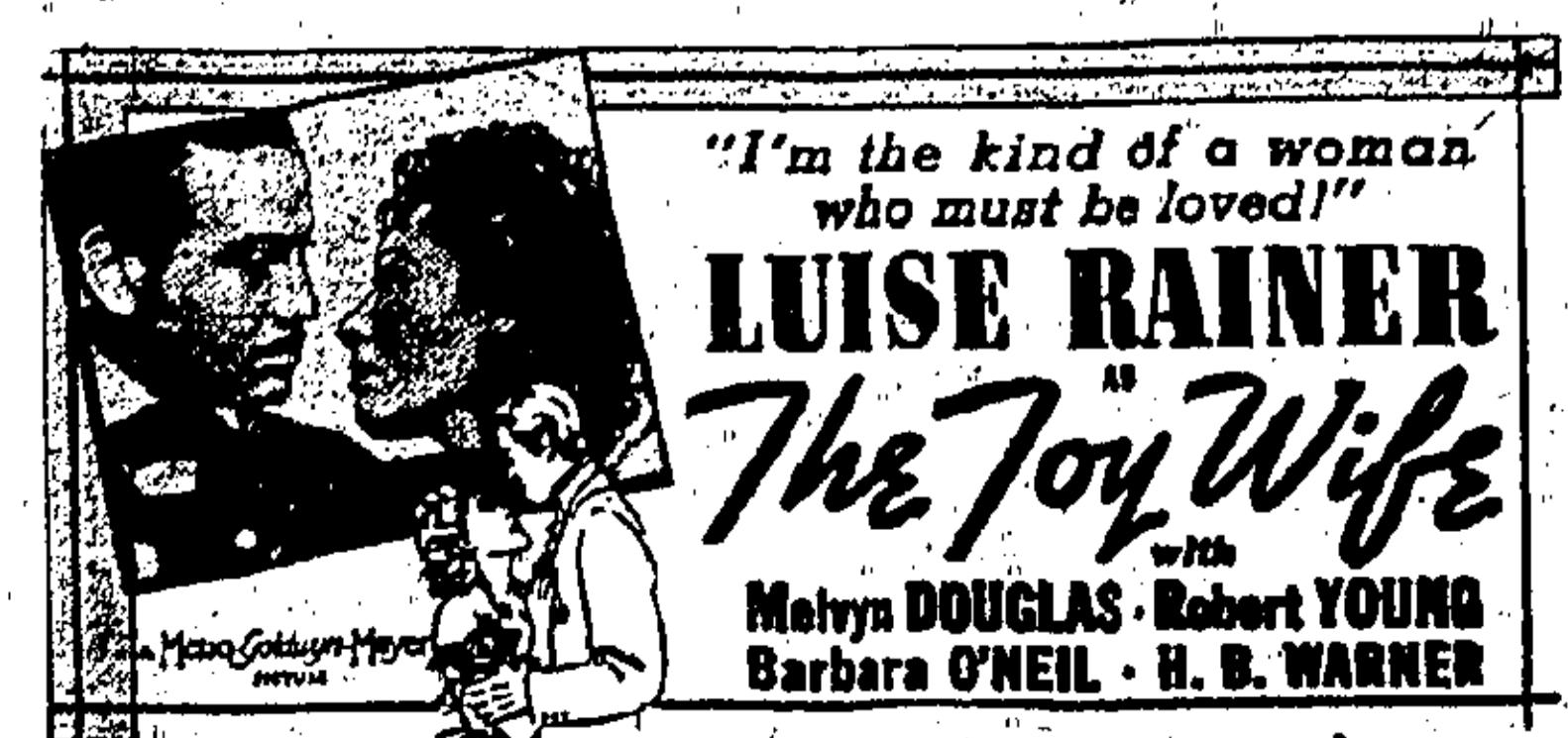
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COMING EVENTS

JUNE

11-Tides: High 10.01 a.m. Low: 3.24 a.m. and 5.11 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.38 a.m.; Sunset: 7.01 p.m.
Opening of King George V Memorial Park, Jordan Road, Kowloon, 6 p.m.

Cheer Club Dance, 8.30 p.m.
Annual meeting of Peak Tramways, H.K. Hotel, 11 a.m.
H.K.C. Council meeting, 5.30 p.m.

Examination on Business Methods and organisation, Northcote Training College, 6 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party, (B.W.O.F.), Govt House, 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
Snooker and Billiards — Recreat. v. Police.

V.R.C. Swimming Heats.

12-Tides: High 12.07 a.m. & 10.48 p.m. Low: 4.02 a.m. and 5.34 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.38 a.m.; Sunset: 7.07 p.m.
Bank Holiday.

King's Birthday Parade, Hennessy Road, 8 a.m.

Consular Reception at Govt. House in honour of Birthday of H.M. the King, 11 a.m.

Victoria Chess Club, Gloucester Hotel, 5 p.m.

Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 5.30 p.m.

Examination on Commercial Arithmetic, Northcote Training College, 6 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

Cheer Club Bridge and Mahjong, St. Andrew's (Medical), War Work, 10 a.m.

13-Tides: High 12.38 a.m. & 11.28 p.m. Low: 4.42 a.m. and 6.37 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.38 a.m.; Sunset: 7.08 p.m.
Exhibition Billiards at Club Recreo, Kowloon Skating Rink, R. Scots v. Rink.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt House, 9 a.m.-12 noon.

14-Tides: High 1.19 a.m. and 12.03 p.m. Low: 5.25 a.m. and 7.21 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.38 a.m.; Sunset: 7.08 p.m.
Claims against Estate of late Mr. J. K. Monro due.

Old Wellingtonian Dinner.

Inspection of A.R.P. Despatch Corps Volunteer Parade Ground, 2.30 p.m.

15-Tides: High 2.44 a.m. and 12.54 p.m. Low: 6.15 a.m. and 8.09 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.38 a.m.; Sunset: 7.08 p.m.
June Meeting of Macao Jockey Club, Areia Preta Course, Macao, 3 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 9 p.m.

"YOU CAN'T FOOL YOUR WIFE"

A gay and sprightly romantic comedy of matrimony is presented to film fans in RKO Radio's "You Can't Fool Your Wife," which opens today at the King's Theatre with Lucille Ball and James Ellison sharing stellar honours.

The two favourites portray a young married couple who have discovered the future isn't as rosy as it seemed at Niagara Falls.

How the two young people are frustrated in their efforts to patch up their marital troubles, and how a visitor, seeking to straighten matters out with the aid of a masquerade party, only involves all concerned in a series of side-splitting mix-ups, comprise the ingenious plot of this delightful offering, which definitely establishes Miss Ball and Ellison as a comedy duo de luxe.

The two stars are given splendid support by Robert Coote, as the well-meaning playboy, Virginia Vale, Emma Dunn, Elaine Shepard and William Halligan likewise add many laughs to the production by Cliff Reid.

DOCTOR RESCUES MOTHER DURING BLITZ

While Bristol endured its worst raid of the war in March last, a woman lay trapped under a beam in a bomb-shattered basement. A doctor sat at her side. She was about to have a baby.

The bomb that trapped her had killed her husband, killed her little daughter.

The doctor was there to save her life and her unborn child's.

Men toiled around to shift the cubicle for each family. One of Hitler's bombs smashed on to the church, and shelterers were trapped. Most of the night's casualties were caused by that bomb.

KEPT WOMAN UNCONSCIOUS

While the men worked, while bombs whistled and crashed, while guns barked, the doctor watched in the dim, shaded light. In mercy he kept the trapped woman unconscious. Carefully he watched for the times to give her more anaesthetic. They were dead, there in the crypt, but he helped to bring others out—alive.

The mother was taken out—alive.

Greathearts of Bristol did more than endure the raid. A vicar went to the porch to watch for fire bombs. He was killed outside his own door.

The girl tended her mother,

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STUDIO TALK WITH EXCERPTS FROM FAMOUS PLAYS

China Letter

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Dance Music.

Fox-Trots — Riverboat Shuffle; Ostirich Walk—Frankie Trumbauer and His Orchestra. Slow Fox-Trot — So Long, Sweetheart; Quick-Step — You're an Education—Henry Jacques & His Correct Dance Tempo Orchestra. Fox-Trots — Georgiaiana; Night Time in Cairo — The Sis Swingers. Tango — Cuore Vagabondo; Walks — The Moon of Manakora (film "The Hurricane") — Mario de Pietro and His Estudiantina. Fox-Trot — By an Old Pagoda — Billy Cotton and His Band.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 Leslie Jeffries and His Orchestra.

Tango Land — Intro: You Could Never Be True; O Cara Mia: Plegaria; Goodnight Vienna—Geraldo and His Sweet Music (with Vocal Chorus); I'm Falling in Love with Someone; Sweethearts (both from film "Life of Victor Herbert") — Allan Jones (Tenor) with Orchestra. By the Fireside—Romance (Hippmann) — Frederic Hippmann and His Orchestra. It's Raining Sunbeams (film "100 men and a girl") — Deanna Durbin (Soprano) with Orchestra. Rhapsody No. 1 (Richter) — Eugen Wolff and His Orchestra. The One I Love: Cosi Cose (both from film "Everybody Sing") — Allan Jones (Tenor) with Orchestra. Mexican Serenade (Kashube) — Novelle — Serenade (Hesselt) — Frederic Hippmann and His Orchestra. When April Sings; Waltzing in the Clouds (both from "Spring Parade") — Deanna Durbin (Soprano) with Orchestra.

1.04 London Relay — The News and News Commentary.

1.15 Studio — Letter from Free China.

Read by Mrs. Alice Chow.

1.30 The Mills Brothers and Banjo Solos.

Strawberry Fair (Engram) — Three Little Fishies (Dowell) — The Mills Brothers. White Rose (Oakley) — Tony Oakley (Banjo) with Piano accomp. Mr. Paganini (Lambert Richards) — The Mills Brothers.

9.45 — 10.00 News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 The New Mayfair Novelty Orchestra.

Espagne (Waldteufel) — Temptation Waltz (Ancliffe). Round the Roundabout (Foster); Snow Man (Archer). Shy Serenade (Scott-Wood).

10.00 Studio — The Sixth of a series of Talks on Drama of Yesterday and Today by Evelyn Wood. Illustrated by scenes from Classical and Modern Plays.

10.30 Beethoven — Sonatas in F. Major Op. 21 — "The Spring."

1st Mov: Allegro; 2nd Mov: Adagio molto espressivo; 3rd Mov: Scherzo (Allegro molto) and Trio; 4th Mov: Rondo (Allegro ma non troppo). Jeno Lener (Violin) and Louis Kentner (Piano).

11.00 Close Down.

1.15 Indian Programme.

5.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 A Scottish Programme.

Humorous Recital — Follow Follow (A Football Study in Blue & Green)

— William McCulloch. Bagpipes — Highland Reel and Reel o' Tulloch — Henry Forsyth Vocal — There's a wee hooch (Wilson and Munro) — Laidlaw Murray (Baritone) w. Orch. Bagpipes Eightison Reel — Henry Forsyth. Humorous Monologue — The "Bluebell Chasers" F. C. Annual Meeting — William McCulloch.

7.00 London Relay — The News.

7.15 London Relay — Questions of the Hour.

7.30 Latest Dance Music.

Fox-Trot — My Greatest Mistake;

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ALLIED FORCES ADVANCING INTO SYRIA FROM THREE DIRECTIONS

Successful Crossing Of River Litani: Only Slight Resistance Met

CAIRO, JUNE 10 (REUTER)—THE ADVANCE NORTHWARD INTO SYRIA OF THE ALLIED FORCES, consisting of mechanised British, Free French, Australians and Indians is progressing, according to messages received here. It is considered very satisfactory that they have crossed the River Litani which might have been a serious obstacle.

Very few details are yet available here on the political aspects as to the French reaction, but it seems evident that resistance must have been slight so far.

The advance from Dera through the difficult Jebel Druze country is also progressing satisfactorily. This area is mostly composed in the south-east of lava beds and transport must needs keep to the tracks. But the Jebel Druzes have memories of ruthless repression and are believed to be pro-British.

The roads through Dera and Quinatra, both 40 to 50 miles from Damascus, converge on that city—the most important centre in Syria.

Sheikh-Miskine is half way between them.

Tyre is about 30 to 35 miles from Beirut and the Litani River is some ten miles to the north.

There is no evidence of German action.

BRITISH COMMUNIQUE

Progress of the British entry into Syria by the coast road from Tyre and beyond to general line inland is announced by a communiqué from British Middle East Headquarters yesterday evening.

The communiqué states: "Penetration of the Allied forces into Syria is progressing. By this morning they were beyond Tyre and later affected a crossing of the River Litani."

"On the right they have advanced beyond Lissra—Sheikh-Miskine—Quinatra."

VICHY'S ADMISSION

VICHY, June 10 (REUTER)—The Vichy news agency states that Allied forces are advancing into Syria from three directions.

Two columns are converging on Damascus through Dera and Safad. The third is following the coast road to Beirut.

It is admitted that the coast advance has reached the River Litani, north of Tyre.

After referring to French resistance "against the British and de Gaulle forces," the agency adds: "The British forces are however markedly superior, especially in armoured equipment. The difficulties of defending the territories of the Levant for an army which has only weak forces at its disposal are pointed out in Vichy."

The agency continues: "Supplying this army—not only with arms and ammunitions but with food and fuel—is practically impossible."

OFFICERS DESERT

JERUSALEM, June 10 (REUTER)—A considerable number of French officers and men have already come over to the side of the advancing Free French and Imperial troops, and a number of others have ceased to fight.

A military spokesman here revealed that since Sunday afternoon, the advance has proceeded to an average depth of 35 to 40 miles.

Only scattered centres of resistance were encountered and the number of British casualties was negligible.

VICHY PROTEST

LONDON, June 10 (REUTER)—Satisfaction is expressed in official circles in London at the nature of the Vichy Government's protest which was handed to Sir Samuel Hoare, the British Ambassador in Madrid, complaining of the violation of Syria by British forces.

The note has now reached London and is under consideration.

ACTION JUSTIFIED

LISBON, June 10 (REUTER)—From a military standpoint, the British and Free French action in Syria is "absolutely justified and corresponds to the imperious exigency of the war."

R.A.F. ACTIVITY IN MIDDLE EAST

ENEMY AIRFIELDS BADLY DAMAGED

LONDON, June 10 (REUTER)—Heavy bombers of the R.A.F. carried out prolonged raids on Benghazi and Derna on Sunday night, states a communiqué from the R.A.F. Middle East headquarters.

These were followed at dawn by machinegun attacks on dispersed aircraft at Derna and Gazala, and on camp and motor transport concentrations near Martuba.

Considerable damage was caused to the airfields, six enemy aircraft being burned out at Gazala and a further eight being completely destroyed at Derna.

Many other enemy aircraft were badly damaged. Fires and explosions were caused at Benghazi as a result of the bombing raid, while at Derna several direct hits by high explosive bombs started large fires which were followed by explosions.

Two of our aircraft have so far failed to return to their base.

ITALIAN WAR LOSSES DURING LAST MONTH

LONDON, June 10 (REUTER)—The Italian G.H.Q. yesterday issued the following list of "confirmed losses" for the month of May:

Greco-Albanian and Albanian-Yugoslav fronts: 1,430 killed, 4,123 wounded and 223 missing.

Italo-Yugoslav front: 14 killed, 24 wounded.

North Africa: 329 killed, 752 wounded and 23,918 missing.

East Africa: 58 killed, 77 wounded and 2,354 missing.

Naval Forces: 38 killed, 187 wounded and 3,030 missing.

Air Forces: 79 killed, 41 wounded and 493 missing.

TROOPS WITH FIXED BAYONETS TAKE OVER NORTH AMERICAN AVIATION COMPANY FACTORY

LOS ANGELES, June 10 (REUTER)—Tear gas bombs were used to break the picket lines outside the North American Aviation Company factory yesterday. The pickets retreated but soon returned and reformed their lines.

Meanwhile, however, the Police had formed two other lines through which the workers could reach the factory gates. A Company official later declared: "The situation is very tense."

The order to take possession of the plant was telephoned from President Roosevelt's study in the White House to Lieut.-Col. Branshaw, commanding the troops in the vicinity of the factory.

Mr. Roosevelt's Secretary, Mr. dispute and says: "Mediation has been interrupted by violation of the agreement entered into by shaw had expressed the opinion that it was necessary to use the workers' bargaining representatives army because the situation was beyond the control of the Los Angeles Police."

Disorders ceased as the troops arrived and occupied the factory quietly and smoothly, after which Col. Branshaw declared the factory open and offered employees protection.

Two marching columns have arrived to augment the convoy of 50 trucks which brought the first detachment of troops to the factory.

Three thousand troops with bayonets fixed and carrying machine-guns took over the factory. The strikers and pickets gradually yielded but one who refused to move was bayonetted and taken to hospital.

President Roosevelt's order to the army stipulated that possession and operation are to be terminated by the President "as soon as he determines that the plant will be privately operated in a manner consistent with the needs of national defence."

The War Secretary, Colonel Stimson, has authorised to employ workers and will handle the question of compensation for the Company.

DEFINITE ACTION

WASHINGTON, June 10 (REUTER)—President Roosevelt has ordered the Army to take over the North American Aircraft Factory, stated the President's Secretary, Mr. Stephen Early, yesterday.

"This is the first time that the Government has taken such definite action to handle a strike instead of relying upon appeals. President Roosevelt, in a statement, traces the course of the

GENERAL

H.M.S. CALCUTTA AND TWO DESTROYERS LOST IN THE WITHDRAWAL FROM CRETE

LONDON, June 10 (REUTER)—The Admiralty announces that the anti-aircraft cruiser Calcutta and the destroyers Hereward and Imperial were lost during the withdrawal from Crete (making four cruisers and six destroyers lost on that occasion).

The communiqué which announces these losses states that the Hereward was last seen heading towards the coast after having been damaged by an enemy air attack.

The Italian High Command has announced that 229 survivors from this ship have been landed and are prisoners of war.

The Imperial had to be sunk by British forces after being damaged by an enemy air attack.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean has reported that when evacuation of the forces from Crete was completed, just over 17,000 men had been taken off the island. The withdrawal of troops from Crete had to be carried out from places with inadequate port facilities and which were within easy reach of enemy forces.

HEAVY AIR ATTACKS

The necessity for carrying out embankments by night meant that each load of men had to be taken 360 miles to Egypt during the whole 14 hours of daylight. These voyages were carried out in the face of extremely heavy air attacks.

In the circumstances prevailing, it was impossible to assess with accuracy the damage inflicted on enemy aircraft by anti-aircraft fire, but it is known that many were destroyed and others damaged.

Naval aircraft also shot down four enemy aircraft and probably destroyed one other and damaged three.

During the withdrawal from Suda Bay, Royal Marines formed the rearguard. These men, who had been carrying out various duties as well as manning the anti-aircraft defences, were hastily formed into an infantry brigade under Major-General E. C. Weston, Royal Marines. They fought with great gallantry and proved themselves worthy of the highest traditions of the Corps.

It is known that a number of this brigade had to be left in Crete.

WAVELL'S MESSAGE

The following message was sent from General Sir Archibald Wavell to Major-General Weston on the night of May 31: "You know the heroic effort the Navy has made to rescue you. You will be able to get away most of those that still remain, but this is the last night, the Navy can come. Please tell those that have to be left that the fight put up against such odds has won the admiration of us all and that every effort to bring them back is being made.

General Freyberg has told me how magnificently your Marines have fought and of your own grand work.

"I have also heard of the heroic fight of young Greek Soldiers. I send you all my grateful thanks."

ROYAL NAVY KEEPING WATCH ON GERMANS

ANKARA, June 10 (REUTER)—The British Navy is keeping a close watch to ensure that the Germans do not tow any small craft from the Dodecanese Islands to Syria. Germans here expect the British Navy to land forces on the Syrian coast, but so far as is known naval activity has been confined to patrol work.

Sellers of afternoon newspapers were besieged by eager buyers for the developments in Syria have aroused tremendous interest in Turkey.

The Allied move is widely welcomed and it is hoped that the Allies will be able to settle the matter quickly.

It is generally considered that the Allies will do their utmost to avoid bloodshed and well-informed people think that the British will meet with little opposition for the French troops in Syria are divided among themselves and their morale is low.

LONDON, June 10 (EWS)—It is understood in official Dutch circles here that President Roosevelt has invited Princess Juliana and Prince Bernhard to spend a day with Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt on the occasion of their forthcoming visit to the U.S.A. The invitation has been accepted.

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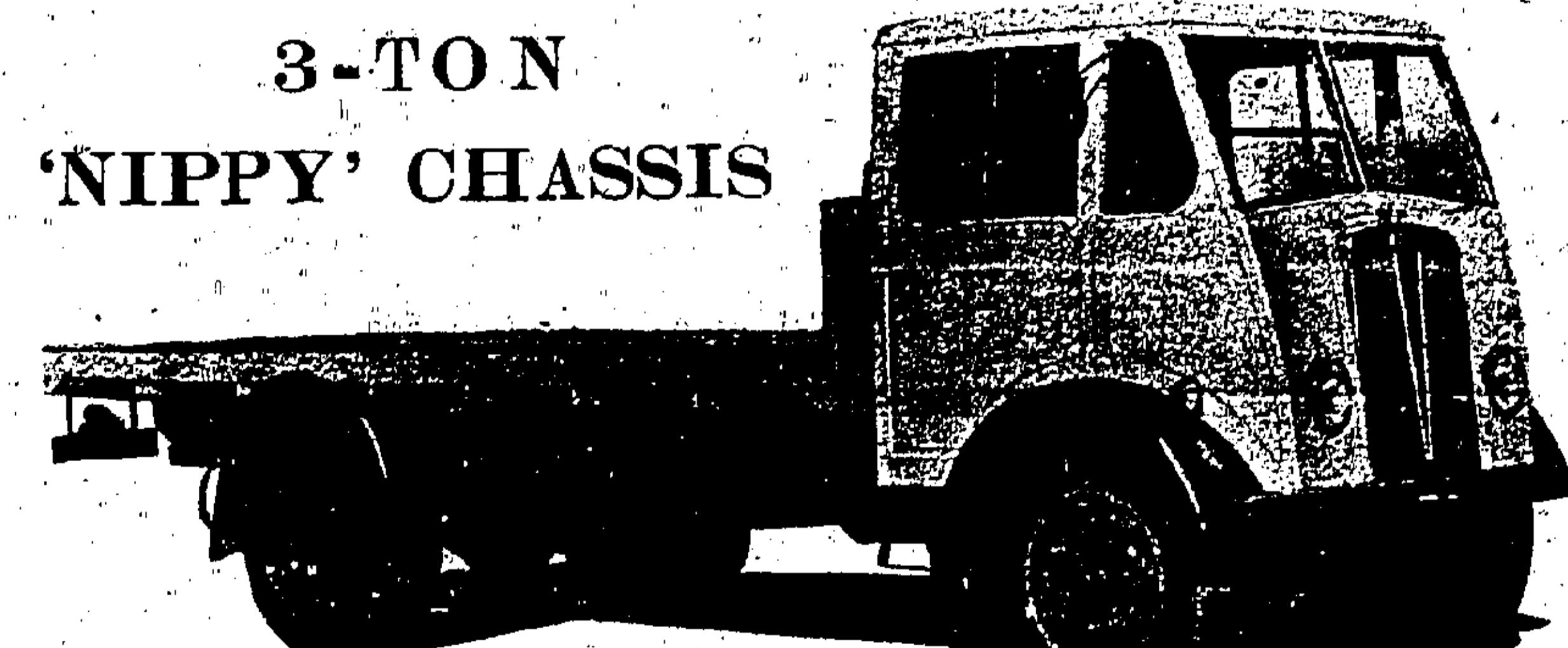
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S.C.A. Clerk Denies Asking For Dollar

That he definitely did not ask for \$1 before issuing the permit, was part of the evidence given by LEWIS TANG, 33, clerk at the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, residing at No. 4, Bowring Road, first floor, charged with having accepted a bribe of \$1 from a youth, Li Kang-ming, for the purpose of facilitating the issue to him of a firecracker firing permit on April 22.

The case was heard before Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistrate's Court yesterday. Tang was defended by Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ, while the prosecution was conducted by Det.-Insp. J. O'Donovan, assisted by Insp. G. W. Moreton, of the S.C.A.

Defendant was originally additionally charged, together with an office colleague of the S.C.A., Tsui On, with having conspired together between Mar. 3 and Apr. 22 to accept bribes to serve the same purpose. Owing to lack of evidence, the charge was withdrawn by the prosecution, and both defendants discharged.

POLICE EVIDENCE

Insp. Moreton testified yesterday that on April 22 at 11.20 a.m. as a result of information received, in the company of complainant and a witness, Chan Liung, he went to the General Office of the S.C.A. There complainant pointed out defendant to him.

Witness informed defendant that he wished to search him, whereupon the latter produced his wallet, which he found to contain three \$10 notes and one \$5 note.

Witness then saw defendant put his right hand into his right hand trousers pocket and pull out, at the same time making a movement to the rear of his body.

Eventually, witness went behind defendant and there found a \$1 note folded up. He unravelled it and showed it to defendant.

After having taken defendant to the Police Station for further enquiries to be made, witness handed him and the note to Insp. O'Donovan. In defendant's presence, Insp. O'Donovan compared the number on the note with that copied down earlier in his pocket-book and found them to be identical.

DEFENDANT TESTIFIES

Defendant, in evidence, said that he had been a clerk-interpreter at the S.C.A. since 1935, now earning \$88 a month.

On the day in question, he was approached by complainant and a man applying for a permit, saying

Indian P.C. Gaoled For Using Red-hot Iron Bar On Fellow Constable

Sentence of three months' imprisonment was imposed by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson yesterday at the Kowloon Magistracy, on Police Constable B452, ABDUL KARIM, 23, who was found guilty on a charge of unlawfully and maliciously wounding P.C. B436, Sher Afzal, with a red-hot iron bar at the Argyle Street Internment Camp.

Refugees In The Colony

A decrease of 19 is recorded in the number of refugees and destitutes accommodated in Government camps, etc., in urban and rural areas during the week ended on June 7.

Urban Areas:

King's Park—1,387 against 1,387 on May 31.

Ma Tau Chung—1,954 against 1,963 on May 31.

North Point—1,531 against 1,537 on May 31.

Morrison Hill—511 against 509 on May 31.

Urban Areas (Squatters' Camps):

Tai Hang—2,546 against 2,546 on May 31.

Ngau Tau Kok—806 against 811 on May 31.

Rural Areas:

Kam Tin—2,786 against 2,785 on May 31.

Fanning Children's Camp—375 against 372 on May 31.

Total—11,896 against 11,915 on May 31.

SIR ROBERT KOTEWALL

Inquiries made by the Hongkong Daily Press yesterday elicited the information that Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall is confined to bed, and has been forbidden by his medical advisers to even answer the telephone.

Sir Robert is suffering from a slight breakdown as the result of overwork.

Sir Robert, however, hopes to be up and about again within the next few days.

SEQUEL TO ATTACK ON EDITOR

SHANGHAI, June 10 (Reuters)—A sequel to the attack by four Italians on George Leonid, the Soviet City Editor of the China Press on May 23, was heard in the Italian Consular Court today when Judge Rapet sentenced the ring-leader to 30 days, or a fine of 1,500 lira, and his three companions to 15 days, or a fine of 75 lira. All sentences were suspended for five years.

During the hearing, the ring-leader said that although Shanghai was reputedly an international settlement, it was actually run by British and Jews.

Alleging he was responsible for anti-Italian articles in the China Press, the Italians lured Leonid to a vacant ground in the French Concession and beat him up after he refused to drink a large dose of castor oil.

Two Alleged Pickpockets Are Given Rough Time

At 11.30 a.m. yesterday the shrill and continuous blasts of police whistles could be heard, in the vicinity of the Central Market, Des Voeux Road, above the din of tram gongs and the hooting of motor horns.

Arriving at the scene of the commotion, a reporter of the Hongkong Daily Press found two miserable-looking apes-for-men in the tight grasp of a Chinese detective and an Inspector of the Hongkong Tramways, while a ferocious-looking Chinese was loudly accusing them of having attempted to pick his pocket!

The two "captives" protested that they were the victims of a "beating up," but alas, their protestations were met with a rough shaking-up at the hands of the said Inspector of the Tramways and the admonition to "fight up at the Police Station."

According to some of those who formed the large crowd gathered around, the two "culprits" were roughly handled by some eight or ten men.

The last seen of the men were their being led up to the Station followed by a crowd of approximately 50 persons.

SUMMARY COURT CLAIM FOR RENTS

JUDGMENT AWARDED TO PLAINTIFFS

Judgment by default in the absence of the defendants was given to plaintiffs by Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall at the Summary Court yesterday in an action claiming the sum of \$280 as two months' rents due and owing.

The plaintiffs, represented by Mr. Alfred S. K. Lau, were Chiu Seng-chan, merchants, of No. 91 Connaught Road West, ground floor, who brought the action against the Nam Shing Company, merchants, of No. 147 Connaught Road West, first floor.

The amount claimed was for two months' rents due from Feb. 26 to April 25 in respect of the first floor of No. 91 Connaught Road West possession of which had duly been delivered up by defendants in accordance with notice to quit given by plaintiffs on Mar. 18 which expired on April 25.

Sum Yiu-cheung, manager of plaintiff firm, said they were the principal tenant of the first and ground floors of No. 91 Connaught Road West. The first floor was sub-let to defendants at \$140 per month.

The iron bar was found two beds away from complainant's bed, wrapped with a towel and was still warm.

In answer to the charge, accused said that complainant owed him \$25 and when he asked for the money on the morning in question, complainant was alleged to have used abusive language. Complainant, however, denied that he was in debt to accused; but said that the only thing which might have led to the incident was that defendant had accused him of misinterpreting when they were at Shataukok.

HEALTH BULLETIN

The following are the Returns of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at midnight on June 9:—Cerebro-Spinal Fever, two cases; Cholera, six cases; Diphtheria, two cases; Dysentery, 14 cases; Measles, three cases; Tuberculosis, 71 cases.

Round The Police Courts

AT CENTRAL

EUROPEAN VAGRANTS

An Irish and a Polish seaman appeared separately before Mr. Lowry yesterday on vagrancy charges.

Defendants were Reginald Bernard Pitt, 24, of Ireland, and August Stefanovsky, 30, of Poland.

Regarding Pitt, Sgt. G. F. Youe, of the Special Branch, said that he was an ex-member of the crew of a British ship, which had left Hongkong. Sometime ago he had trouble with the master of the ship and was sentenced to two weeks at Stanley Prison. He was released recently and was now a substitute in the Colony.

He was committed to the House of Detention pending future arrangements.

Stefanovsky, who was stated to be an ex-fireman on board a Greek ship, which sailed for England last month, was ordered to be expelled.

THEFT OF WOOD

Chan So, 27, and Wong Chun, 40, both unemployed, and of no fixed abode, were charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon yesterday with stealing five planks of wood, valued at \$5, and 110 catties of wood worth \$3, from outside A. R. P. Tunnel No. 13 on the hillside off Electric Street on June 9 respectively.

Both pleaded guilty.

Defendants who each admitted one previous conviction were sentenced to two months' hard labour each.

Det.-Sgt. V. M. Morrison prosecuted.

STOLE A. R. P. PROPERTY

For stealing three wooden doors and one wooden window, the property of the A. R. P. Authorities from an incendiary bomb demonstration hut at Morrison Hill on June 9, Chan Kau, 27, unemployed, of no fixed abode, was sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. Sheldon yesterday.

Defendant admitted one previous conviction.

Det.-Sgt. V. M. Morrison prosecuted.

CHARGE WITHDRAWN

The charge of having received a \$10 dance coupon of Cathay Ballroom on April 14, knowing it to have been stolen or unlawfully obtained from Kiu Hung, 20, for obtaining money under false pretences with intent to defraud on three occasions.

Det.-Sgt. Johnston prosecuting, said that accused on May 28, went to Woo Kim-hong, bookshop keeper, No. 91 Nam Cheong Street, ground floor, and induced the latter to purchase \$20.00 worth of electric bulbs, a price which is in excess of their commercial value by pretending that part of the proceeds of the transaction would go to the official Chinese charity.

In asking for the withdrawal of the charge, Mr. M. A. da Silva, for the prosecution, said that one of the witnesses, who ought to have returned from Shanghai, had not arrived yet and moreover, there was no prospect of her ever returning.

Defendants, who were on \$500 bail each, were represented by Mr. K. F. Wong.

Det. Acting Sub-Insp. F. Nolan was present for the Police.

POSSESSION OF AMMUNITION

Chan Lai-yeo, 31, manager of the Fu On Cargo Agency, 27, Des Voeux West was fined \$50 or one month's hard labour by Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday for unlawful possession of 50 rounds of rifle ammunition at the above address on June 9.

The munitions were ordered to be confiscated.

Defendant, earlier pleaded that the ammunition was left at his premises by the master of a certain junk, who had since left the Colony, and that he did not know that it was illegal.

Det. Sub-Insp. R. R. McEwen prosecuted.

AT KOWLOON

FIREWOOD PROFITEER

For selling 93 catties of split firewood for \$10 to Yau Kui, married woman, of No. 4, Sai Ye Street, which is in excess of the price fixed by Government, Luk Hon-kwong, 30, master of Yuen Lee Firewood Shop, Lot 154, Prince Edward Road was fined \$100 or one month's hard labour by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson yesterday.

Sub-Insp. Collins prosecuted.

MALICIOUS WOUNDING

An Indian Police Constable B27, Amar Singh, was remanded one week by Mr. Anderson yesterday.

Accused was charged with unlawfully and maliciously wounding Addit Singh in Kowloon on June 8.

Chief Det.-Insp. A. E. Carey is in charge of the case.

FAKE PRETENCES

Chong Hak-sam, 26, unemployed, was fined \$100 or two months' hard labour by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson yesterday.

BARBED WIRE THEFTS

Lau Sin, a nightsoil coolie, appeared on remand before Mr. S. F. Balfour yesterday charged with unlawfully possession of two rolls of barbed wire at Castle Peak Road, near the Lat Chi Kok Hospital, on June 3.

Prosecuting, Det.-Sgt. T. Cashman said that defendant was seen by an Indian constable carrying the two baskets. When asked by the constable what the baskets contained, accused replied, "Rice."

On being challenged, the second

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 16th day of June, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Shek Shan, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N. S. E. W. ft. ft. ft. ft.	Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4198	Chatham Road between Sun Lau Street and Pak Hung Street.	About 41,275	758	\$8	\$8	30,956

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$3,096.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4199	junction of Ha Ha Lung Road and Shing Yau Lung Road, To Kwa Wan.	About 4,980	92	\$8	\$8	3,720

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$372.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the HONG KONG HOTEL, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 11th JUNE, 1941, at 11.00 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th April, 1941.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 4th day of June, to WEDNESDAY, the 11th of June, 1941, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

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THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders.

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The Sixtieth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 25th June, 1941, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 11th June to the 25th June, 1941, both days inclusive.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following marriages took place at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday with Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar, officiating:

Mr. George Luke, clerk, of No.

389 Hennessy Road, and Miss So Yin-hing, residing at the Luk Kwok Hotel;

Mr. Chi Kai-kuen, accountant,

of No. 30 Yik Yam Street, second

floor, and Miss Chan Lal-hing, of No. 67 Hill Road, second floor;

Mr. Lo Kwan-pui, sailor, of No.

29 Temple Street, and Miss Leung Sui-chun, of No. 107 Cheung Sha Wan Road;

Mr. Cheung Yau-kwong, preacher,

of No. 41 Pitt Street, third floor,

and Mrs. Lo Fo-mui, of the same address.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming marriages were announced yesterday:

Mr. Ng Chow-kun, merchant, of

No. 13 Cumberland Road, and Miss Beatrice Moon-ye, student of No.

83 Jaffe Terrace;

Mr. Chan Sui-fai, leading tele-

graphist, H. K. R. N. V. R., of No.

33 Tung Choi Street, first floor,

and Miss Lai Sok-yee, of No. 3

Cheung Lok Street, second floor.

STRAITS OF DOVER AIR ACTIVITY

LONDON, June 10 (B.W.S.) — An official communiqué states:

"During daylight yesterday there was some activity over the Straits of Dover and near the coast of Kent and also over coastal districts in South and South-West England."

Up to 8 p.m. there were no reports of bombs dropped.

In engagements with our fighters protecting shipping in the Straits several enemy fighters were seen to be hit and damaged but owing to poor visibility destruction cannot be confirmed. One of our fighters was lost."

JAPAN now realises that bound as she is in the Axis

tolls, she might find it increas-

ingly difficult to avoid

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U.S. REBUFF FOR

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JAPAN'S anxiety vis-a-vis

American policy in the

Pacific has resulted in yet

another so-called "peace"

move by Admiral Nomura,

Japanese Ambassador to the

United States, who appears

to have been busily engaged

in attempting to sound Gov-

ernment reaction in that

country to a pact of non-

aggression and neutrality

with the Japanese. Despite

the fact that the report of

this "peace" move was offi-

cially denied by President

Roosevelt, Admiral Nomura's

activity in this direction, ob-

viously on instructions from

his Government, seems to

have come to the knowledge

of several close observers of

the trend of relations be-

between Japan and the United

States. For some time now

Japan has been seeking to

induce the American Govern-

ment to revise its policy in

the Pacific and there is no

doubt that any such agree-

ment to improve prevailing

conditions between the two

countries will be welcomed in

Tokyo. The fact that Mr.

Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary

of State, found it necessary to

reiterate his Government's

policy in the Pacific, when

questioned on the report of

Admiral Nomura's activity,

makes it likely that the United

States administration has

not been unaware of Admiral

Nomura's hopes and that he

took the opportunity to pub-

licly give Japan a hint that

any such peace feelers can

have no chance of success so

long as the Japanese remain

to the apron strings of

the European dictators and

try to emulate their tactics of

aggression.

THIS is not the first time

that Japan has attempted to

soft-soap the United States

into resuming normal rela-

tions with the Far Eastern

aggressors. A previous offer

of the same kind purported

to set out the kind of world

in which the United States

would be permitted to share

in return for American re-

cognition of the "new orders"

in Europe and Asia." Unfor-

tunately for Japan and her

European partners, the peo-

ple of the United States are

today fully alive to the fact

that the present struggle,

which was initiated by Ger-

many, is being consciously

directed against the liberties

of the American people and

that success for the Axis

Powers will mean that Bri-

tain and the United States

will be left with an empty

shell in which individual

rights and national indepen-

dence and security will have

Should War Move To The Far East—

SINGAPORE, June 10 (Reuter)—Should the war move to the Far East, the White Ensign will again fill the horizon here, said VICE-ADMIRAL SIR GEOFFREY LAYTON, Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, broadcasting to the Navy from the Singapore radio station.

ORDER AGAINST FASCIST ORGANISATIONS

LONDON, June 10 (Reuter)—A number of Fascist organisations figure in the list of eight companies in respect of which Mr. Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary, has made orders applying to the defence regulations.

A Home Office announcement regarding each concern says that Mr. Morrison is satisfied that persons in control of the organisation named "have had sympathies with the system of government of a Power with which Britain is at war, and that there is danger of the utilisation of the organisation for a purpose prejudicial to the efficient prosecution of the war."

Among the organisations named are the East London Blackshirt Limited, British Union District Formations Limited and several publishing firms.

INTENSE A.A. FIRE

LONDON, June 10 (Reuter)—R. A. F. bombers encountered intense anti-aircraft fire and fought several engagements with enemy fighters in daylight yesterday, when they made widespread attack on enemy shipping off the coasts of Norway, Holland and Belgium.

The Air Ministry stated that two R. A. F. heavy bombers successfully beat off an attack by six enemy fighters.

They shot down one fighter and damaged others, one of which caught fire. (The R. A. F. lost four bombers in these operations.)

A German bomber was shot down into the sea off the West coast of England this morning.

Adm. Layton added that in that event, the Fleet Air Arm will be here too. Preparations for its arrival have long been in hand and naval aircraft could operate from Singapore tomorrow if necessary.

"CONSTANT STREAM"

Besides a constant stream of military and semi-military equipment and reinforcements of personnel from the United Kingdom, India, Australia and Malaya are receiving "very material assistance" from the American way of fighters and medium and heavy bombers and a wide variety of supplies under the Lease and Lend Act.

Adm. Layton added that they have taken account of every possible contingency so far as local defence is concerned. The naval base is ready momentarily to cope with any fleet likely to require its hospitality or assistance.

PREMIER AND HESS

LONDON, June 10 (Reuter)—Mr. Winston Churchill, Prime Minister, again refused to be drawn on the subject of Herr Hess when questioned in the House of Commons.

In reply to a long question, notably whether Hess had brought any proposals, Mr. Churchill said: "I have no statement to make about this person at present, but the British Government, of course, has kept the United States Government informed on the subject of his flight to Britain."

CAIRO, June 10 (Reuter)—Today's military communiqué states that in the Tobruk area two enemy aircraft were shot down by our ground defences on Saturday night and one enemy tank was put out of action by British artillery.

The advance of two British columns on Jimma in Abyssinia is progressing.

RICE MONOPOLY SCHEME

Government Should Take Over All Imports But Leave The Selling To Those Who Know The Entire Trade

BY OUR STAFF REPORTER

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(2) Government should immediately co-opt the services of a RICE EXPERT, or A RECOGNISED SURVEYOR, on its Board of Directors.

(3) Government should SELL TO RETAILERS through the wholesalers, as was done in 1919.

(4) Government should confine the local market to FOUR GRADES of rice, at prices ranging from \$15 PER PICUL DOWN TO \$10 PER PICUL, and to prohibit the sale of a fifth quality.

(5) Prices, both wholesale and retail, to be fixed by Government and STRICTLY ENFORCED. Dealers found selling above these prices, or in possession of a fifth grade, to be liable to a fine not exceeding \$2,000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT. The licence to be cancelled, not merely suspended.

(6) Wholesalers to be allowed a profit of TEN CENTS per picul, and retailers 55 CENTS.

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(N.B.—This credit to retailers is necessary as the wholesalers claim, and correctly so, that the withdrawal of credits from the retailers would result in chaos as ALL THE RETAIL STORES are only able to carry on because of the credit facilities granted them.)

(8) All wholesalers to be given the opportunity of accepting Government's offer to act as Government's agents ON GOVERNMENT'S TERMS; and

(9) The export of rice to be conducted EXCLUSIVELY BY GOVERNMENT.

547 KILLED IN ALEXANDRIA

CAIRO, June 10 (Reuter)—The number of people killed in the German raid on Alexandria on Saturday night was 410.

Thirty-one persons were injured.

In the previous raid on Wednesday last, 147 persons were killed and 92 injured.

It is estimated that 20,000 people have been accommodated in schools in Cairo, which have been commandeered for them.

MORE U.S. SHIPS FOR DEFENCE

It was announced in Washington yesterday that the United States Government had taken over ten cargo vessels belonging to the South Pacific Steamship Company for defence purposes.

According to a report reaching America, the Mexican Government has ordered the detention of 500 members of the crews of Axis ships which have been seized by the Mexican Government.

SIMLA, June 10 (Reuter)—A delegation of the Indian Government is proceeding to Burma today to discuss problems in relation to Indian immigration into Burma. The Indian Government does not desire to flood Burma with Indians.

Sir Archibald Kerr Clark Kerr, British Ambassador to China, left for Hongkong by plane yesterday morning. After a brief stay in the British Colony, he will return to Chungking, says Central News.

CO-OPT EXPERT ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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DAUGHTER FOR COL. PEAKE

LONDON, June 10 (Reuter)—Lieutenant-Colonel Peake, known throughout the Arab world as Peake Pasha, has announced the birth of a daughter.

He was the commanding officer of the Arab Legion and Director of Public Security in Transjordan from its inception in 1822 until he retired in 1937.

N.E.I. PRIZE COURT

Hungarian Ship Captured

BATAVIA, June 10 (Reuter)—The recently instituted N.E.I. Prize Court will soon deal with the case of the Hungarian 4,323-ton steamer Nugyat, which was captured in the Timor Sea by the Netherlands destroyer Kortenaer and brought up to Sourabaya.

As the Netherlands' diplomatic relations with Hungary were severed on June 4, the Nugyat is considered an enemy ship and all the more reason for it to be detained as the pro-Nazi captain did not intend to bring the ship to the harbour mentioned in the ship's papers but to a neutral or other port contrary to allied interests.

Its load considered of flour from and destined for British firms which, after detention, was sold in Sourabaya in agreement with the owners.

RECALL

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declared that should negotiations break down completely, "it will mean the first gun has been fired in the war of Japan against the United States and Britain in the Pacific."

The paper further stresses that the Netherlands' Government in London and the fate of Holland are linked inseparably with Britain's and declares it is inevitable under the circumstances, the N.E.I. should tie itself with the United States, Australia and Singapore in the Pacific.

The MIYAKO SHIMBUN blames the United States on the Batavia outcome, and advises the Government to deal first with America if she wants to establish a co-prosperity sphere.

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"Asked why he recommended that wholesalers should be permitted to remain in business, our informant said: "The retailers are entirely dependent on the wholesalers."

CREDIT SYSTEM

"You must understand that the rice business in Hongkong is carried on entirely on the credit system. Every wholesaler is capitalised at over one lakh of dollars, while the retailers have only capitals ranging from a few hundred dollars to five or ten thousand."

"These retailers buy from the wholesalers on credit and could therefore afford to keep a good stock of rice. If they have to buy for cash, which they would have to do when they buy from Government, they would only purchase just what they could afford to pay for, which might be only sufficient for a couple of days' sales."

"Then there are the grocery stores, which buy only five to ten bags at a time. These people are small buyers, but even then they only buy on credit."

"Yes, it is no use saying that the wholesalers deserve no pity—that they have made their pile—and that to keep them on would mean the addition of a few cents to the price."

RECENT OUTCRY

"I hold no brief for the wholesalers. But I do think that if the retailers are permitted to continue, the wholesalers should not be eliminated. The recent outcry against profiteering and mixing was NOT directed against the wholesalers, who, incidentally, only acted as middlemen."

"They purchase their stocks in the original packings and re-sell them at a small margin of profit, in the same packing. If you have ever been inside a wholesale 'hang,' you will find that the bags of rice are piled right up to the top and that there is scarcely any place where the rice could be mixed."

"As to the additional ten cents—well, if Government could allow the retailers 57 cents profit on every picul of Burma rice, surely another ten cents would not make much difference. If it does, why not reduce the retailers' profits by ten cents?"

"Yes, sir, I can foresee another helluva mass if Government become wholesalers as well as importers and exporters."

GOVERNMENT BLUNDER

Asked as to what he attributed the recent chaotic conditions in the market, our informant replied: "Government's blundering methods."

Amplifying his statement, he said: "When the wholesale and retail prices were fixed, Government forgot to fix the selling prices for the importers with the result that while the wholesalers were forced to sell at \$14.40 per picul (and the retailers at \$15), the importers were selling at \$18 to \$20 per picul!"

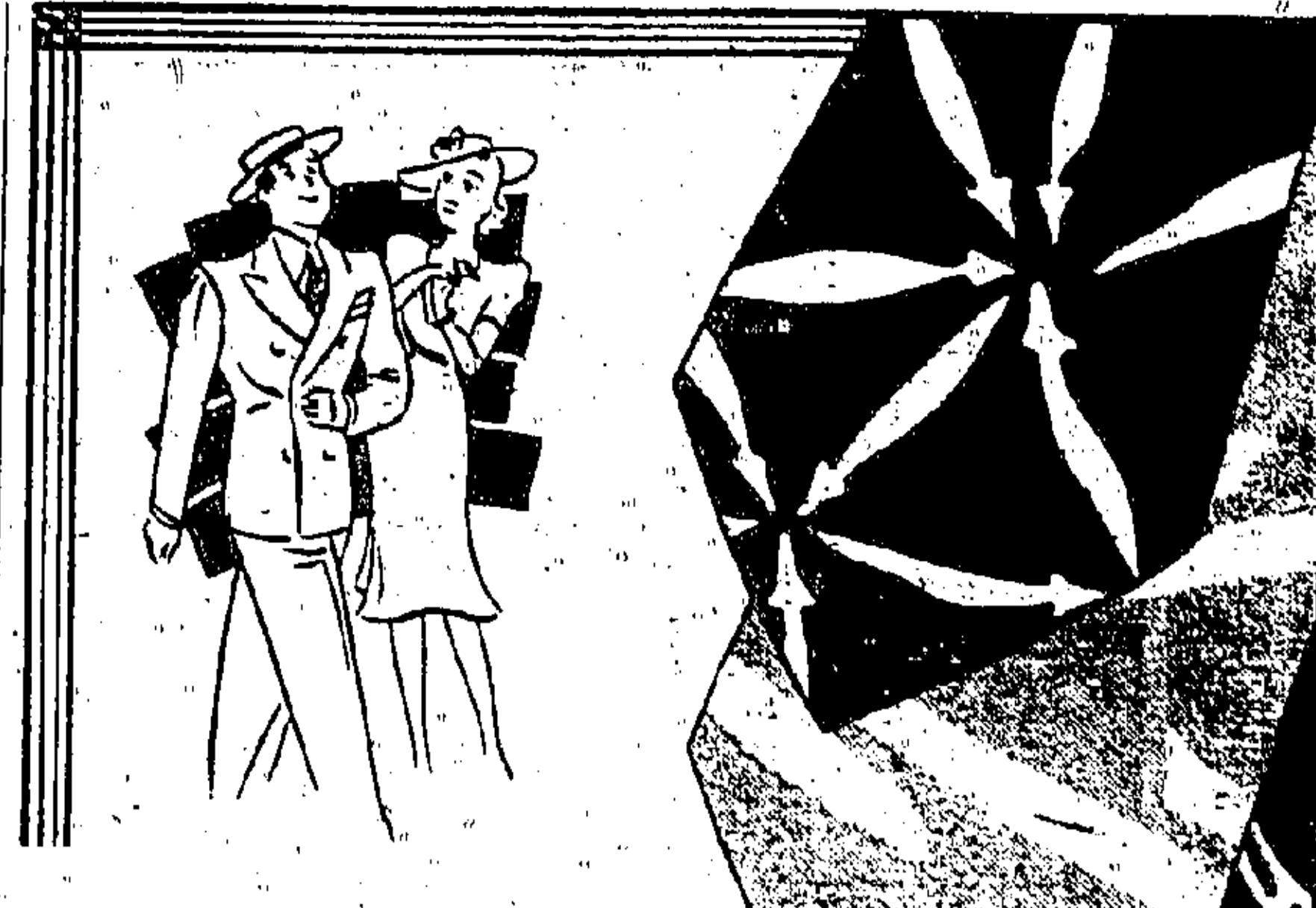
"THAT GAVE BIRTH TO THE BLACK MARKET" AND MIXING, WHICH WERE SO PREVALENT DURING APRIL AND MAY.

"Another mistake was the appointment of persons who were unsuited for the job as Rice Controllers. What Government should have done was to appoint a qualified surveyor—a man who could, at least, tell the difference between Grade I and Grade II rice and who knew something about the market."

ASKING FOR TROUBLE

"There was the haphazard method in which the different qualities of rice were classified for the purpose of price control. To just slam down four or five prices on to the market was to ask for trouble—and Government got it by the carload."

"If Government is to continue with its present policy of muddling through, we will just get a repetition of 1919—only on a much larger scale, as we have now over one million persons against the former seven-hundred-thousand."



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DEBATE IN COMMONS ON DEFENCE OF CRETE

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heavily on the shoulders of Australian and New Zealand troops.

The debate was opened by MR. LEES-SMITH (Labour) who said that he would be surprised if there was any rancour in the ensuing discussion.

Mr. Hore-Belisha advocated the establishment of a well organised corps of the air force for this purpose. In strategy, he declared, we have not adjusted ourselves to the tempo or resources of the enemy.

The Liberal spokesman, Sir Percy Harris, asked for closer association of Dominion statesmen in the direction of the war. Crete was not too serious a setback.

Sir Percy remembered some debates during the last war when defeats and setbacks were ten times larger than anything that has happened in the last 12 months.

RUTHLESS EFFICIENCY

The feminine viewpoint was expressed by the Conservative, Mrs. Rathbone, who declared: "We can and must be capable of ruthless efficiency. This is not the eleventh hour but half past the eleventh hour."

The well-known publicist, Mr. Beverley Baxter, asked for a directorate of Empire men and suggested Mr. Churchill, Field-Marshal Smuts, Mr. R. G. Menzies and General MacNaughton, of the Canadians, as a non-Ministerial directorate to advise on strategy.

A PROPHETIC

The Conservative, Colonel J. R. J. Macnamara, embarked on a prophecy. He was sure that Hitler would make a peace drive which would fail and he would try to liquidate the second front in the Balkans.

"But he does not want to have to face the bombing of Germany which he knows is coming next winter, and would attempt an invasion of Britain before then," he added.

He would make the invasion by a circling movement through Spain to Africa and northwards to Greenland, Iceland, the Faroes, Hebrides and Ireland, then direct to Britain with simultaneous blows at every single aerodrome as a preliminary to an attempt to land airborne troops—perhaps 80,000 at one sortie.

We should have to think in more modern terms than at present and Col. Macnamara was absolutely certain we could do it.

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\$2,500,000 ROBBERY IN SHAI POST OFFICE

One of the largest and most daring robberies ever to be committed in Shanghai occurred on May 31 at about 9.30 a.m., when two men, one of them said to be Chinese, and the other a Japanese, stole \$2,500,000 from the General Post Office in North Soochow Road and decamped with the entire sum, reports the North China Daily News.

The chauffeur of a taxi was arrested by the Settlement police, but he was later handed over to the Japanese gendarmerie for further questioning, it was believed.

The robbery, made yet more amazing by the fact that no firearms were used by the robbers, was made possible by the fact that the loading coolies and the supervisor did not suspect the two men.

According to Mr. J. N. Greenfield, chief of Accounts and Checking Department of the Post Office, the money was being loaded into an armoured truck at the time the robbers made their appearance in the compound of the Post Office. Three or four coolies were occupied by the work and were supervised by a clerk. The money, which, it was learned, had only been received in Shanghai on the previous Friday, was packed in ten parcels.

CITY GOVERNMENT PLATES

It was then that the robbers, riding in a green car bearing license No. 5152 and City Government plates No. 655, alighted from the vehicle and approached the clerk. One of them, the Japanese, addressed the supervisor in Japanese. Believing that the man was from the Japanese authorities and might have come either to make enquiries or to search the premises, the clerk sent another Chinese to the office to ask someone to come down. The Japanese then proceeded into the strong room from where the money was being taken out and, together with his accomplice, transferred the parcels into his own car.

Before the stupefied witnesses knew what was happening, the Japanese and his Chinese accomplice got into the car and drove away. It was then that that the supervisor and the coolies as well as the three guards who had been detailed to watch over the money, realized that they had been robbed and raised an alarm. The car with the robbers had by then disappeared.

BALL SET ROLLING

The case was immediately reported to the Settlement police and Japanese authorities and the ball was set rolling. With the number of the vehicle known to them, the detectives from the Hongkew police station traced the car to Sung Dai garage in Hongkew. The detectives proceeded there and found the chauffeur of the vehicle on the premises.

He was taken back to the station and questioned as to what he knew of the robbery. He answered that the two men had hired him at the garage and ordered him to take them to the Post Office. After a few minutes there, during which he saw them take the ten parcels,

Alexandria Evacuation

WOMEN, BABIES RIDE ON TRAIN ROOFS

ALEXANDRIA, June 10 (Reuter) — Women and even small babies are riding on the roof tops of the trains, so great is the press of the Arab population to leave Alexandria as a result of the air raids.

Special arrangements have had to be taken at the railway station to cope with the exodus which is providing an amazing sight.

All entrances to the main station are now closed and guarded by soldiers and are only being opened at specified times.

ROUSING SEND-OFF

Trains leave continuously pilled high and are given a rousing send-off by crowds awaiting the next train.

Some 40,000 left by train on Sunday and a high railway official expressed the opinion that there would be at least two or three times that number leaving Alexandria in the next two days.

The city itself remains calm and orderly.

CHINA-MADE TRUCK IN USE IN S.W.

The first truck ever made by the Chinese in China is now running in the south-west of this country, according to a report appearing in the leading Chinese papers published in Shanghai. The yesterday. It was made by the China Motor Car Manufacturing in Shanghai.

Likely Visit Of Molotov To Japan

TOKYO, June 10 (Reuter) — Despite the absence of official Soviet confirmation the Nazi organ the Hochi Shimbun today said that M. Molotov's rumoured visit to Japan this summer was "quite likely," adding that such a visit would go far in clearing up the outstanding Japanese-Soviet problems and cementing friendly relations.

The paper adds that solution of all such problems is not only beneficial to Japan but is urgent from the Soviet point of view as "waves of German-Italian New Order in Europe are sweeping rapidly over the Balkans and especially as Hitler's Near Eastern policy is striving to embrace Iran and Afghanistan."

H.K. POLICE RESERVE

Orders by O. Eager, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Reserve)

KING'S BIRTHDAY PARADE

The following Police Reservists will parade for duty in connexion with the King's Birthday Parade on Thursday, June 12, 1941:

Thirty-one members of the Chinese Company to parade at No. 2 Police Station at 06.30 hours and draw revolvers. Dress: Khaki Uniform.

Nine members of the Indian Company to parade at No. 2 Police Station at 06.30 hours and draw revolvers. Dress: Khaki Uniform.

Nine members of the Emergency Unit Reserve to parade at No. 2 Police Station at 06.30 hours and draw revolvers. Dress: Khaki Uniform.

Six members of the Flying Squadron will report with their machines to Traffic Inspector, Central Police Station at 07.00 hours. Dress: Khaki Uniform.

CHINESE COMPANY

Strength: Constable R. Choi Chiew Seng has been permitted to resign from the Chinese Company as from June 4, 1941.

Constable R. Lau Kok Nin has been struck off the strength of the Chinese Company, as from June 3, 1941.

Leave: Sub-Inspector (R) Tso Huk On has returned from leave and resumes duty as O.I.C. "B" Company as from date.

Inspection Parade: All ranks of "A" Company will parade at Murray Parade Ground for a general inspection of equipment etc. by the Company Commander on Wednesday, June 11 at 17.15 hours sharp.

Dress: Khaki Uniform. The Equipment Officer will make it a point of being present.

Training Course—Part I: Those detailed will attend Murray Parade Ground for instruction in Part I of Training Course on Wednesday, June 11, at 17.15 hours sharp. Dress: Khaki Uniform.

Patrol Duty: Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

INDIAN COMPANY

Training Course—Part I: Those detailed will attend Murray Parade Ground for instruction in Part I of Training Course on Wednesday, June 11 at 17.15 hours sharp.

Dress: Khaki Uniform.

Patrol Duty: Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

FLYING SQUAD

Training Course—Part I: Those detailed will attend Murray Parade Ground for instruction in Part I of Training Course on Wednesday, June 11 at 17.15 hours sharp.

Dress: Khaki Uniform.

Patrol Duty: Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

EMERGENCY UNIT RESERVE

Strength: Constable R. G. Gutierrez is invalided from the Hongkong Police Reserve, as from June 4, 1941.

Constable R. Phillips is dismissed from the Hongkong Police Reserve, as from May 31, 1941.

Commendation: Acting Inspector (R) M. A. de Souza is commended by the Commissioner of Police for zeal and alertness in handling the case of Ex. Constable R. Phillips who was convicted by the 1st Magistrate for obtaining money by False Pretences.

Riot Drill: Those detailed will attend Kennedy Road on Friday, June 13 for Riot Drill under Acting Inspector (R) M. A. de Souza. Van will leave Reserve Headquarters at 17.05 hours sharp on that date. Dress: Khaki Uniform.

Training Course—Part I: Those detailed will attend Murray Parade Ground for instruction in Part I of Training Course on Wednesday, June 11 at 17.15 hours sharp.

Dress: Khaki Uniform.

Patrol Duty: Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

W. R. CHESTERWOODS, Adjutant, Police Reserve.

GENERAL

BLACK BOURSE AT WORK IN FRANCE

LISBON, May 30.—I asked a barman I knew in Paris if he could get me a Havana cigar. He just laughed. I insisted. Finally he said: "Well, I'll try, but it will cost you plenty if I am able to find one at all."

He whispered instructions to a chasseur who disappeared for about 30 minutes. He came back with the cigar. The bill was Fr. 150 (about U.S.\$3.50). You can still get almost anything in France if you are able to pay the price to the Black Bourse, writes a correspondent in a home paper.

The Black Bourse has become a busy buy clothing materials in great business in France. Thousands of people make their livelihood at the illegal business of selling everything from money to soap and clothing at unofficial prices and without requiring tickets.

A few big operators, mostly German, have made fortunes. But the vast majority of people engaged in this traffic are little people, waiters out of work, housewives and former clerks, who just make a living. They risk up to three years imprisonment if caught.

BLACK BOURSE OPERATIONS

I found a restaurant I used to know on the left bank is now virtually a headquarters of small-time Black Bourse operators. There I found two waiters, a man and a girl who used to work in a hat shop all making their living in this way. The former mannequin said:

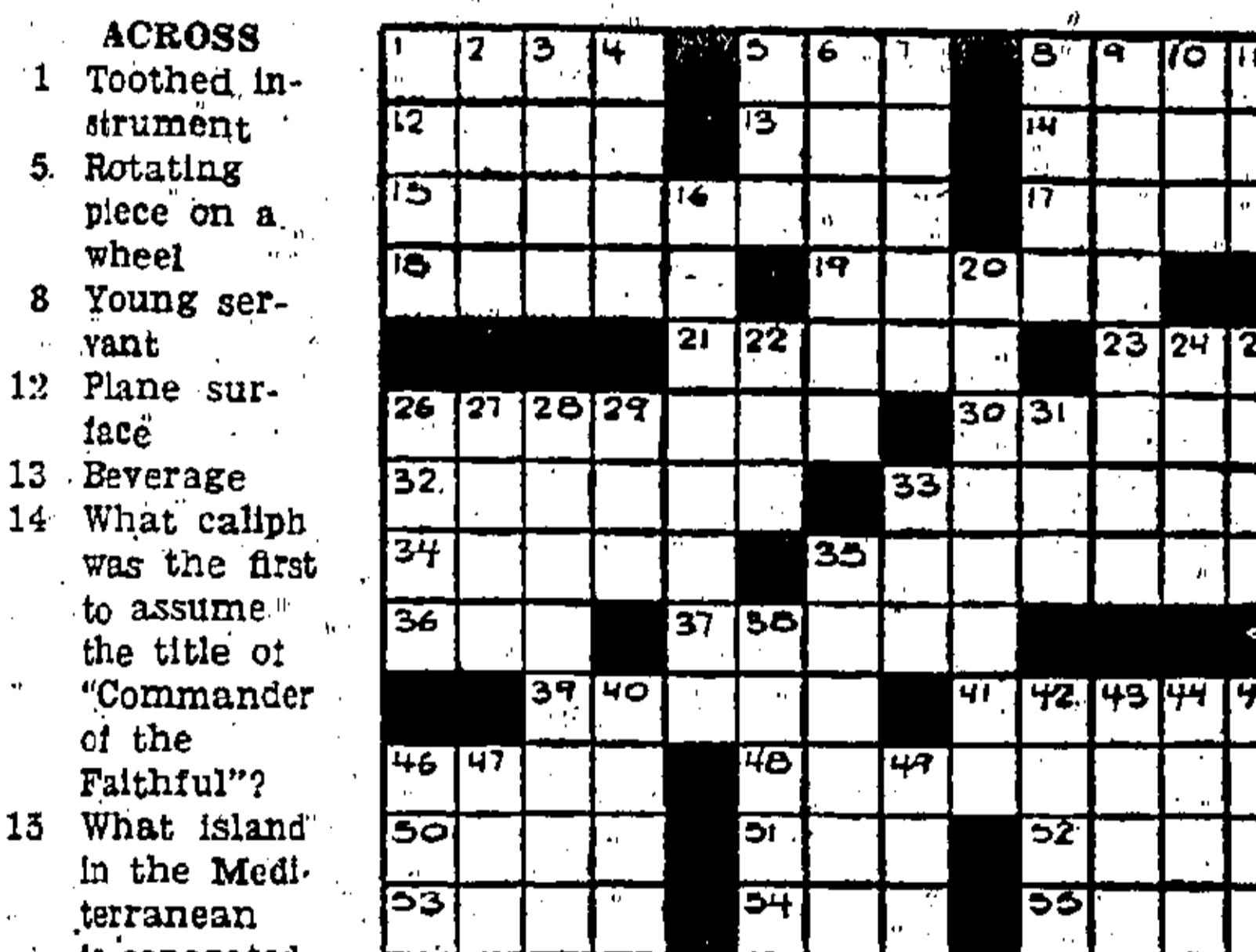
"I have done better at this than I did in the shop before the war. I made Fr. 1,000 just this afternoon over an aperitif arranging a contact between a man who wanted a large quantity of yarn and a man who had it. It's getting more difficult now, though, because it is getting harder all the time to find things."

She said that the biggest operators on the Black Bourse were German civilians.

"They buy up everything and don't care what they pay," she said. "I don't know what they are doing with it, but I think they are sending it into Germany. One must live."

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INDIAN TROOPS ADOPT SCENTED HAIR OIL

A tribute to the assistance given by the local Indian Community to the Indian Red Cross and Indian troops now in Malaya was paid by Maj.-Gen. I. M. Macrae, L.M.S. who is now in Singapore as Commissioner, Indian Red Cross.

He said that local women's work parties had given a lot of assistance in preparing comforts and expressed the hope that this assistance would continue and the Indian Red Cross would receive as good a support as the British Red Cross.

British Take Initiative For First Time

CHUNGKING, June 10 (Reuter)—The British invasion of Syria was the first time Britain has taken the initiative in the war against Germany, declared the Tao Tang Pao, Chinese army organ yesterday, adding that it was therefore assumed that Britain must have been fully prepared for any possible developments.

The paper stated: "The Suez Canal is the British sea route which was the cause of the recent fighting in Iraq and now Syria."

"The fighting in Syria lifts the curtain of a major battle in the Middle East and Near East."

"Germany's role in the fighting will be determined by the degree of Franco-German collaboration and also Vichy's policy regarding the French Colonies."

JAPANESE FIND NEW SOURCE OF REVENUE

LOYANG, June 10 (Central)—According to a recent arrival from Hoped, the Japanese authorities in Peiping have enforced a new ruling since May 1 requiring all residents of the old capital to be equipped with residential certificates. Each resident applying for the certificate is required to pay a tax of 70 cents plus a photograph fee of 30 cents. This new source of revenue will enrich the Japanese to the extent of \$3,000,000.

The Chinese Youths' Medical Relief Association here has addressed a letter to Mr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan, expressing its regret for the destruction of his residence in Chungking during a recent Japanese air raid.

MAYOR OF NARVIK MAKES HIS ESCAPE

Colonel O. Broch, a member of Norwegian Military Mission in London, tells me that he has received a letter from his son, Mr. Theodor Broch, the former Mayor of Narvik.

The letter was postmarked Chicago. Mr. Broch had reached the Middle West in the course of a lecture tour. He is describing to American audiences his first-hand experience of the battle for the strategic iron ore port and his own dramatic escape from Narvik after he had been sentenced to death by General Eduard Dietl.

Mr. Broch crossed into Sweden shoes through waist-deep snow and travelled to the U.S.A. via drifts, and across mountain torrents for two days and nights in bitter weather.

GROUSE FOR A "CORPSE"

Some day a British consular official who was stationed in Narvik will have an equally adventurous story to tell. He is Captain G. L. Gibbs, D.S.O., R.N.

Captain Gibbs was a commander in the last war and retired in 1927. He became consular shipping adviser in Narvik, and took refuge in the mountains when the Nazis entered the town.

Later the Mayor brought Captain Gibbs back to Narvik disguised as a corpse, and concealed him in a vacant house next door to where some German officers were billeted. One night Mr. Broch and Captain Gibbs dined off white grouse which had been intercepted on its way to the table of General Dietl.

Captain Gibbs left Narvik during the Allied occupation, and is now serving in the Navy again.

JAPANESE LOSSES IN S. SHANSI

LOYANG, June 10 (Central)—Evidencing the severe losses suffered by the Japanese during their recent campaign in the Chungtiao Mountain Range in southern Shansi, the removal of Japanese war dead and wounded northward by trains on the Tung-Pu Railway is still continuing.

On Sunday another trainload of wounded numbering about 400 passed Houma en route to the north, while some 500 bodies brought from Yicheng to Houma were cremated outside the East Gate of the city on the same day.

DASH FOR FREEDOM

The mayor was caught by the Nazis in Harstad. Knowing that there would be no second reprieve, he made a dash for freedom and smuggled his family aboard a fishing boat.

They landed farther down the coast, where Mr. Broch found a Lapp boy to guide him across the mountains to Sweden. They travelled without skis or snow-

Finance and Commerce

THAILAND WILL STAY NEUTRAL

BANGKOK, June 10 (Reuter)—Even if Japan entered the war Thailand, as a neutral, would continue to carry on trade with all countries, stated Premier Song-gram at a special session of the Assembly convened to ratify the Thai-Indo-China Peace Treaty.

The Premier emphasised Thailand's pledge to Tokyo that she would not enter into any treaty detrimental to Japan and no new commitment beyond the already existing non-aggression pact with Indo-China.

The conflict with Indo-China, the Premier revealed, cost Thailand 10 million taels plus six millions in compensation for public utilities in the ceded areas.

ECONOMY SAVINGS STAMPS

CHUNGKING, June 10 (Central)—For wider publicity for the National Economy Savings campaign the General Post Office will issue a set of "Economy Savings" stamps on June 22.

The stamps, which have already been printed and supplied to post offices in various places in Free China, are of six denominations, namely, 8 cents, 21 cents, 33 cents, 50 cents and \$1.

For the sake of stamp collectors a special sheet with stamps of all six denominations will be printed.

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...	...	279	...	Do (Col. Reg.)	279
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...	...	283	...	Chartered Banks	283
...	...	223	...	Mercantile Bks. "A"	223
...	...	2114	...	Mercantile Bks. "C"	2114
...	...	771	...	Bank of East Asia	771
...	N. C. & S. Banks	17 ct.
Insurances								
...	...	\$220	...	Canton Insurance	\$220
X.D.	...	400	...	Union Insurance	400
...	...	81	...	Underwriters	75 cts	81
...	H.K. Fire
Shipping								
...	...	\$128	...	Douglas	\$128
...	...	88	...	Steamboats	88
...	...	80	...	Indochinas (Pref.)	80
...	...	40/0	...	Indochinas (Def.)	40/0
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...	Ducks, Wharves, Godowns etc.
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...	...	85.20	\$5.15	Providence	85.20
...	...	144	...	H.K. Docks (Old)	144
...	H.K. Docks (New)
...	Shanghai Docks
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...	Kailas
...	Rauts
...	Hong Kong Mines
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...	Shanghai Lands
...	H.K. Realities
...	Humphreys
...	Chinese Estates
...	Cotton Mills
...	Evo (S.)
...	Shai Cottons (S.)
...	Zoong Sing (S.)
...	Wing On Textiles (S.)
...	Public Utilities
...	H.K. Tramways
...	Peak Trams (old)
...	Peak Trams (new)
...	Star Ferries
...	Y'mati Berries
...	China Lights (O.)
...	China Lights (N.)
...	H.K. Electric (Old)
...	H.K. Electric (New)
...	Macau Electrics
...	Sandakan Lights
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Junk Masters In Court

ACTION FOR RETURN OF CRAFT

Hearing of the case in which two junk masters are involved and in which one is suing the other for the return of a junk alleged to have aided the Japanese in a piratical act on the high seas was resumed before Mr. E. H. Williams at the Summary Court yesterday.

The plaintiff, Mak Shiu, of No. 15 Ko Shing Street, first floor, is claiming for the return of junk No. 3345H, and its appurtenances or its value, \$1,000, and costs of the action, from Lam Cheung-wing of No. 386 Castle Peak Road.

Plaintiff was represented by Mr. C. d'Almada, and the defendant by Mr. J. M. d'Almada. Remedios.

FIRE ON

Giving evidence yesterday, Wong Ah-lu said that plaintiff was the owner of junk No. 3345H of which he was a member of the crew. He remembered the day when the junk was fired on by a vessel and later was boarded by some persons who appeared to be Japanese. They were sent ashore in a boat.

After further evidence had been called in support of plaintiff's case, hearing was adjourned to Monday, June 16 at 9 a.m.

START ON THREE CARGO SHIPS AT ONCE

War Cabinet approved of the first report of the Shipbuilding Board recommending the immediate construction of three 9,000 tons overseas merchant vessels.

One will be built in N.S.W., one in Queensland, and one in South Australia. Expansion of shipbuilding facilities in Victoria is being investigated.

The Government has directed the board to aim at at least 60 ships as a long-range objective.

The programme was announced by the Minister for Munitions (Senator McBride). The board has recommended that funds be made available for the expansion of present facilities.

The board, in its report, recognized the demands on machine tools and skilled men, but could see no insuperable obstacles to production of the number of ships required by the Government within a reasonable time.

9,000-TONS STEAMERS

Senator McBride said that the board had recommended a British standard ship modified to suit Australia's requirements in speed and refrigerated space as the type to be built.

It would be a single-screw, shelter-deck steamer, with five holds, having a deadweight tonnage of 9,000 and a gross tonnage of 5,200.

The cargo capacity on a voyage between Australia and the United

GENERAL MOTORS MONTHS AHEAD ON DEFENCE WORK

NEW YORK, April 17.—General Motors Corp. is now in production on its \$61,000,000 machine gun order and is months ahead of schedule, Charles E. Wilson, President of the company, declares, states the Christian Science Monitor.

Machine gun production lines are in operation in General Motors Guide Lamp Division's Brown-Lipe-Chapin plant in Syracuse by mid-summer.

At peak operations the four plants will employ about 10,000 workers, most of them developed by General Motors trainee programmes.

These latest additions to America's rapidly rising mountain of defence materials are a sample of what the automotive industry can do in producing non-automotive defence products Mr. Wilson said. They were not built in our regular production plants nor with our regular production machinery, but they are evidence of our mass production skill and know-how.

The G. M. machine gun assignment, the first such order given outside the small arms industry in the East, is allotted to four corporation plants in Michigan, Ohio and New York. Fifty-one other companies throughout the East and Middle West are furnishing parts and materials.

All four plants expect to be in full production by late fall, turning out .30 and .50-calibre gunnery. At Saginaw Steering Gear Division plant has been running on a production basis for about two weeks in a new five-acre, glass-walled building which will have its formal dedication April 23.

FINAL ASSEMBLY LINE
The AC Spark Plug Division operation at Flint, housed in a converted spark plug plant, started its final assembly line functioning on a production basis on the .50-calibre machine guns this week. The Frigidaire plant in Dayton, Ohio, now moving into a new building, will get into production in June on .50-calibre guns, while the .30-calibre type will begin to come off the line at somers have been captured.

MORE PRISONERS CAPTURED

CAIRO, June 10 (Reuter)—The Middle East communiqué states that there is no change in the situation in Libya.

In Iraq all is quiet. In Abyssinia British troops are continuing their advance west of the River Omo and further prisoners have been captured.

These attempts, the paper remarks, only indicate that Japan is not yet determined to break her relations with the United States at present. However, an improvement in their relations will be unlikely.

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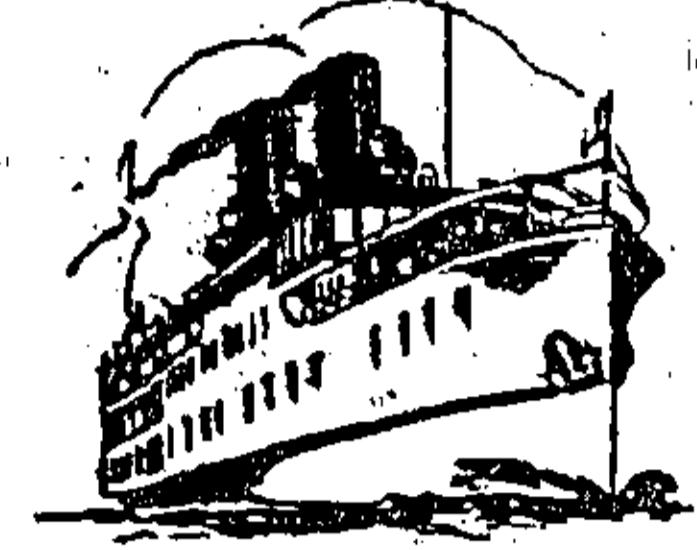
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**SIMON WINS
ON K.O.**

NEW YORK, June 10 (Reuter)—When Ben Simon faced Joe Louis last March, he was regarded as just another victim but put up such a fine fight carrying the champion for 13 rounds that he was promised a return fight later.

Simon has not been seen in the ring since, till last night, when, with a weight of more than six stone heavier than the 12-stone Pete Tamaiotis, he knocked out his rival after 56 seconds in the second round.

Simon nowadays is the Deputy Police Commissioner of Long Beach but is looking forward to the day when he again gets Louis to the ring.

**Fighting In
Shansi And
Suiyuan**

CHUNGKING, JUNE 10 (CENTRAL)—THE CHINESE 93RD ARMY MADE A FIERCE ATTACK AGAINST THE JAPANESE troops stationed between Chiehhsien and Lingshi on the Tatung-Puchow Railway in Shansi on June 3, putting them to flight.

On the previous night troops of the Chinese 10th Division attacked the Japanese south of Chiehhsien. Fierce fighting broke out, resulting in heavy casualties on both sides.

According to reports from Suiyuan, an eastbound Japanese military train on the Peiping-Suiyuan Railway met with disaster on the night of May 31 when it struck a Chinese mine at a point about five miles east of Saratsi, 27 miles east of Paotow. The locomotive and three coaches were destroyed and a number of Japanese were killed. Japanese troops hastened to the spot in a number of army lorries were attacked by Chinese guerrillas and driven away the following morning.

On June 3 Chinese guerrillas intercepted a fleet of Japanese army lorries loaded with military supplies at a point near Anpel, 56 miles northwest of Paotow. Three of the lorries were wrecked.

JAPANESE REPULSED

Units of Japanese troops at Shaohing, wine-producing town on the south bank of Hangchow Bay about 35 miles southeast of Hangchow, made a westward thrust on June 7 but were driven back by the Chinese with losses.

CLOSING IN ON FOOCHOW

Tightening their ring around Foochow, Chinese forces are rapidly converging on the city from different directions, with the forward units fast approaching the outskirts.

Under Chinese pressure, the Japanese on the left bank of the Min River have been forced to retreat to the Tungkow-Shanellao-Kuanki line west of Foochow.

Chinese troops advancing eastward fought the Japanese in serious battles in the hilly regions of Kuanyuanli during the past few days resulting in over 1,000 casualties. Yesterday, Chinese pursuit columns, assisted by local militia, again engaged the Japanese in severe fighting and inflicted another some 500 losses.

COMMUNICATIONS DISRUPTED

Japanese communications on the southern Kiangsu-Anhwei border are being disrupted due to Chinese sabotage activities.

On the night of June 4, a Chinese raiding party from Tangtu attacked the Nanking-Wuhu Railway destroying many sections of the line, and also fell hundreds of telegraph poles between Tangtu and Wuhu.

The Chinese retired safely to their base before dawn after completing their mission.

**PLANS TO PROTECT
KEY PORTS OF
NEW SOUTH WALES**

LONDON, June 10 (Reuter)—Plans to protect key ports of New South Wales "Industrial heart of Australia," against air raids were discussed at a conference yesterday between Mr. Heffron, Minister for National Emergency Services, and Mr. P. G. Spender, Minister for War.

Mr. Spender said that he had been impressed by New South Wales' case for financial assistance from the Commonwealth in carrying out the protection of these ports.

Over £1,000,000 will be needed to give effect to the plans.

**Colonial Aid Is Constant
Source Of Encouragement
To People In Britain**

"The point I want to make is that what the Colonies are doing is no longer just a matter for the history book. People all over the country see it in the streets. It is a constant source of encouragement to all kinds of people here, and we are all very grateful for it," said MR. NOEL SABBINE, Public Relations Officer to the Colonial Office, when he broadcast from London in the series "MATTERS OF MOMENT."

Mr. Sabbine said he had been reading a book on the war by Sir Charles Lucas, in which there was a very full account of the part the Colonies played in the last war. Passages here and there recalled to mind the efforts that were crowned with success 23 years ago. History had repeated itself in the second East African campaign.

COLONY ACTIVITIES

As in the last war the Colonies were manning their own defences and sending volunteers Home.

In this age of total war, continued the speaker, everything was on a much bigger scale. The troops had to have more equipment and more intensive training.

There was a difference from the last war in that, in this war, the efforts of the Colonies had been brought home to the people of Britain and the psychological effect had been very great indeed.

It was quite as important to the ordinary man and woman, up against the biggest personal and national crisis of their lives, to feel that they were not altogether alone.

AID FROM COLONIES

Mr. Sabbine then told of a tour he made to find out what the aid from the Colonies amounted to. He started his tour one evening by visiting a civil defence depot in a quite heavily raided district.

There he found West Indians and West Africans and he talked with them all. Some had gone to England at their own expense to do war work and they were happy to do it.

Mr. Sabbine next went to Sussex where he saw a mobile canteen which was presented by an

island far away, but present in name and thought. He went to another part of Sussex to an anti-aircraft and searchlight station and found that one or two of the Colonies had presented cinema vans for the AA command. One was from the people of Dominica.

After that, he went to see the Colonial mobile canteens presented by the people of Malta, Nigeria, Ceylon, Malaya, Hongkong and every Colony in the Empire.

One of the first of these mobile canteens reached Coventry, and the Mayor sent a special message of thanks.

EFFORTS APPRECIATED

Mr. Sabbine said he remembered seeing one of the Kenya canteens in a particularly cheerless place. He learnt that its adventures, during its short career, had taken it to Hull, Manchester and Liverpool and it had received the baptism of fire in the heavy raids on London in 1940.

He had spoken to the workers who all told him of the interest the customers showed in the canteens. They asked all kinds of questions about the inscriptions. These gifts made the people think kindly of the distant Colonies.

"We, in this country, do know something of the way in which you are helping us," concluded Mr. Sabbine. "This war, like all wars, has brought much misery and great tragedies, but if, at the end, it helps us to understand each other a little better, this will be no mean reward. It will provide a sure foundation to the task that lies before us: the solving of our common problems and the building up of a better world in which this can never happen again."

**Arab Reaction To Arrival
Of British Is Favourable**

CAIRO, June 10 (Reuter)—THE PENETRATION OF ALLIED FORCES INTO SYRIA IS PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY AND THE GENERAL IMPRESSION IS THAT THE ARAB REACTION TO THE ARRIVAL OF BRITISH FORCES IS FAVOURABLE, states a Cairo communiqué, which adds that in Libya there has been some patrol activity in the frontier area.

About the Tobruk area, the Syria is emphasised by the DAILY MAIL.

TURKISH COMMENT

ANKARA, June 10 (Reuter)—Turkish newspapers comment very favourably upon the allied move into Syria which they consider timely, and say that it had become inevitable.

The newspaper, CUMHURIYET, says that the British and Free French forces' tactics are not only clever but loyal, because they are carrying out a solemn undertaking to restore Syria's and the Lebanon's independence after 20 years of longing.

It praises also the lifting of the blockade which was strangling the country. It says that the allies enter Syria as savours.

The YENİSABAH says: "If on the morrow of the armistice Marshal Petain had not imposed a bridle on the national feelings which boiled spontaneously through the French Empire, the Free French would have long ago been installed in Syria, and the present unpleasant situation would not have arisen.

"Now the fault will be redeemed and Syria saved from the imminent danger, namely, a German invasion which lately had become unquestionable."

OFFER TO VICHY

NEW YORK, June 10 (Reuter)—The German occupying authorities in France made an outright offer to Vichy for the immediate execution of a Peace Treaty, according to the Berne correspondent of the NEW YORK TIMES, quoting diplomatic quarters at Berne.

The Treaty, he says, would define the limits of territorial concessions to be made and would guarantee territorial integrity of the remainder of the French Empire.

France would agree to use her fleet and armed forces to drive the British from Syria.

To this end, he continues, most of France's confiscated useful war material would be returned when needed, especially pursuit planes and heavy artillery.

The correspondent adds that diplomats in Berne believe this offer will be hinted at in Admiral

FOREIGN MAIRS

HONGKONG WEDNESDAY, 11th JUNE, 1941.

GENERAL HOLIDAY

On Thursday, 12th June, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Sheungwan Branch Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and the other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes as on Sundays.

There will also be one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m. from the Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Tai Po and Un Long.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

The usual weekly Air Mail to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways" will until further notice be closed on Mondays instead of Fridays.

An experimental service providing sea transit to U.S.A. and air transit from U.S.A. to Lisbon and United Kingdom has been instituted. The inclusive postage rate is H. K. \$2.00 per ½ oz. for letters and H. K. \$1.00 each for postcards. Correspondence for this service should bear the usual blue air mail label with the superscription "By sea to U.S.A."

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—

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Szechuan

Kweichow

Hunan

Fukien (except Amoy and Kulangsu)

Kwangsi

North and East of Kwangtung.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD AIR MAIRS

From	Due
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 10th June,	17th June
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 24th June,	1st July.

OUTWARD AIR MAIRS

For	Date and Time
MONDAY	
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways,"	Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM G.P.O.
TUESDAY	
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services,"	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM G.P.O.
TUE, 1st July.	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM G.P.O.
Air Mail for Manila, Guan, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services,"	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM G.P.O.

JAPANESE VALET OF CHARLES CHAPLIN CAUGHT

LOS ANGELES, June 10 (Reuter)—Charlie Chaplin's valet and secretary for 18 years, a 55-year-old Japanese, Toridehi Kono, has been arraigned on charges of conspiring to commit an offence against the United States, affecting defence.

Kono is alleged to have obtained confidential reports.

Code books and other documents were seized in the raid on Kono's residence. He has been released on bail.

Darlan's broadcast to the French people this evening:

LONG TALK

LONDON, June 10 (Reuter)—The British Ambassador, Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen had a long talk at the Turkish Foreign Office on Sunday according to a message yesterday from Ankara.

VICHY TO BLAME

NEW YORK, June 10 (Reuter)—If Frenchmen are fighting Frenchmen, only Vichy is to blame," says the CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER.

It continues: "If there is ever a Free France again, it will come through a victory by the allied